

John Greenewald, Jr.

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# Project Blue Book and Grandstanding

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**Gene Steinberg**  
ForumSuper Hero  
Staff Member

This story has hit the mainstream media, including USA Today, CNN, and elsewhere:

[Air Force UFO files land on Internet - CNN.com](#)

But since most alleged journalists are not smart enough to actually do any digging, they are treating this as something new.

Take a gander at this:

[Blue Book Archive](#)

Seems to me that John Greenwald, of The Black Vault, is doing a little grandstanding here. Project Blue Book stuff has, in addition, to the site listed above, been available for years.

Jan 20, 2015

[boomerang](#), [technomage](#), [CocaCola Cowboy](#) and 2 others like this.



**Wade**  
FeralNormal master

I wonder if the journalists are aware of the late 70s nbc series that was based on the released files. Seems to me the right thing to do is to announce that the ufo hall of fame/shame files have been released onto the internet just to help guide any newbie journalists that might jump into the UFOlogy fray

Jan 20, 2015



**Phil**  
Paranormal Maven

The collection is the result of years of requests by UFO enthusiast John Greenwald through the Freedom of Information Act. Greenwald posted the files last week on his online database [The Black Vault - Choose your Destination](#), making them available for anyone to search or download for free.

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**Gene Steinberg**  
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Material of this sort has been online for years. It's nothing particularly new. While it's possible Greenwald got some additional material from FOIA requests, there's nothing significant there that can't be found in the other repositories.

This link summarizes what the Blue Book Archive offers:

[Project Blue Book Archive - What was Project Blue Book?](#)

Jan 20, 2015



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UFO Watchdog is still online and available, but they have to seek, and they don't.

Jan 20, 2015



**Phil**  
Paranormal Maven

Sorry, I did not notice it was posted higher up....

Jan 20, 2015



**Gene Steinberg**  
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Jan 20, 2015



**Phil**  
Paranormal Maven

Reminds me of an old joke: Two friends McGregor and Campbell meet McGregor sees that his friend is sad. He asks why. Campbell replies, "Why I was just thinking about the horrible massacre of the Campbells by the McGregors..." McGregor replies, "But mon, that happened two hundred years ago!" Campbell says, "Yes, but I only heard about it yesterday..."

Jan 21, 2015

CocaCola Cowboy and Sentry like this.



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Staff Member

Kevin Randle also has a great perspective on this story:

[A Different Perspective: Project Blue Book Declassified - Really?](#)

Jan 21, 2015

Sentry likes this.



**Sentry**  
Paranormal Adept

I like this one even better:

[High Strangeness: Drunken UFO Yahoos](#)

Jan 21, 2015

Creepy Green Light likes this.



**darka1404**  
Paranormal Adept

Ok blue book I have read a few book and story's on the files been at this from 79 when I saw my first ufo . Not sure I would trust any thing from that group? I may be jaded but they came to a lot of half made up and all out bull explanations for many of the things that were reported

Jan 22, 2015

AlienEsq likes this.



**Gene Steinberg**  
Forum Super Hero  
Staff Member

After listening to this, my estimation of Greenewald's honesty went down a couple more notches:

[ThingsThatDontMakeSense](#)

Coast To Coast - Jan 20 2015 - Hour 1 at 11 mins - John Greenewald Jr. Didn't Collect Squat

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Jan 22, 2015



**manxman**  
Paranormal Adept

Will he make a few dollars out of re-hashing blue book ?.

Jan 22, 2015



**Sentry**  
Paranormal Adept

A better look at the image in the audio clip:





Jan 22, 2015



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Another slant on this matter:

[A Different Perspective: Project Blue Book Files and John Greenewald](#)

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Creepy Green Light likes this.



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Also see:

[Your Paracast Newsletter — January 25, 2015](#)

Jan 23, 2015



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The latest is that there's a message on Greenewald's site that the information is no longer available:

[Project Blue Book Collection](#)

Or at least that's what the status message indicated (if it hasn't changed)

And he's now promoting a UFO detector app. But I won't provide the link. This is playing out in a way that isn't very pretty.

Jan 29, 2015

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## Project Blue Book and Grandstanding

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**Gene Steinberg**  
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Just FYI: Ancestry.com does not charge a fee to become an affiliate. It's done through a third party company, Commission Junction, and it's free. I confirmed this myself when I checked the requirements, but that's true for just about every affiliate program I know about.

I'm just very curious about some of the things Greenewald said in his article.

Jan 30, 2015



**Wade**  
FeralNormal master

Just listened to after the paracast and fwiw I did hear john on C2C shortly after the announced "release" and after being introduced he immediately put out the disclaimer about the information not being new but that he had compiled them in pdf format and made them searchable but even as he said that I had the same thought that Gene did. if that was the case why was there not at least one MSM source that got it correct? My feeling is they all got the same press release and either it was a little open to interpretation or the information was passed down via grapevine (telephone)

Feb 5, 2015



**Wade**  
FeralNormal master

Although guys, this whole thing while it is/was weird imho it's kind of small potatoes. As chris mentioned things like this is part and parcel of the field. Given time there will be somebody else that will come along and put their feet in their mouth about something a little more imperative and then you could hold those feet to the fire. You guys know john, i don't so maybe i'm talking out of my butt, but i would think if john was on as a guest and talk came down to this event fine, but if the question bank was filled with questions about this non-event about a subject whose contents are questionable you'll get nowhere except maybe give Mr. Greenwald a platform to scream out witch hunt and if not handled well you could end up with egg on your face, which will be the topic of discussion on the next after the paracast. In a field rife with hoaxes this one seems pretty minor league to me, but then I'm not really immersed in this field. I'd much rather hear lance moody on even though he can no longer post here.

just my opinion.

Feb 5, 2015



**Gene Steinberg**  
ForumSuper Hero  
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Lance Moody cannot post here for reasons that also make it impractical to have him on as a guest.

I have considered whether to invite Greenewald on The Paracast to explain himself, but it would end up with demands that he document the inconsistencies and possible falsehoods in his statements.

Feb 5, 2015



**Gene Steinberg**  
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We're not demeaning his ongoing efforts. But this sorry episode was one huge mistake.

Feb 6, 2015

SkepticalBeliever likes this.


 **SkepticalBeliever**  
Paranormal Novice

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Good to hear Gene and mistakes are unfortunately part of the human condition □

Feb 6, 2015

 **Gene Steinberg**  
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What he did, however, was make this into a three ring circus. He has lots of explaining to do about various things, including that curious claim that Ancestry.com wanted him to pay to become an affiliate. But at that site, it says that joining the affiliate program is free — same as others I've checked. Lots of explaining is needed.

Feb 6, 2015

 **Stultus Nuntium**  
Paranormal Novice

Get this, I was doing a little research the other day, what with the news from [ABC-10/USA Today](#) yesterday that John re-released the Blue Book files. A couple of Google queries later, I found my way to this thread.

Gene's questions about Mr. Greenwald's inconsistencies motivated me to dig further to find out what the real story was. After a couple of hours of reading I was thoroughly disgusted and posted my findings on Billy Cox's De Void blog at the Herald Tribune in his year in review wrap-up "[We'll take a cup o' kindness yet](#)", detailing how horribly the media covered the story.

The most amusing part about the Greenwald fiasco is how no one managed to get the story straight -- not even journalists who do the UFO circuit. Gene Steinberg, Shepherd Johnson, Frank Warren, and Mark Allin got pretty close to the truth, but I guess the story was so yawn-inducing that no one bothered to dig any further.

1. [Project Blue Book and Grandstanding](#)
2. [A Different Perspective: Project Blue Book Files and John Greenwald](#)
3. [A Different Perspective: Project Blue Book, John Greenwald and the Latest](#)
4. [Project blue book files online for free , page 3](#)

All the Fold 3 material was assembled not by John, but by an anonymous person who posted the documents on Reddit and ATS months before John decided to claim it as his own. John himself fessed up on Reddit.

[The Black Vault's Statement on the Project Blue Book Files • /r/UFOs](#)

It doesn't even look like John did any of the work making the PDFs like he claims.

[The 154 GB NARA Blue Book Archive • /r/UFOs](#)

*Note Xtraeme's comment: "I'll let the PDF to OCR process rip and drop the PDFs in the root folder" on Sep. 14 2014*

*Comically John then tried to stick the original development team with the legal liability while claiming credit for everything else*

So not only did John rip off Fold 3, he ripped off the people who did the actual work of collecting all the documents he posted to his website. Hilarious.

The original project is apparently an open source software tool that was developed and released on Google Code ...

[footnotereap - A project to scrape content off fold3 - Google Project Hosting](#)

... and skimming through the [changelog](#) it looks like it was years in the making.

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John by the looks of things basically [swooped in at the last minute](#), [wholesale lifted the content](#), created a quick website using the default Bootstrap theme (which takes minutes to setup), and put out a press release [pretending the entire thing was his own](#).

So, the million dollar question is what was John hoping to accomplish? Did he really think he could dupe everyone? And, how badly did he screw over the team writing the software to release the content in the first place?

Apparently Google really can answer everything.

[The BlackVault Sued By Fold3 and Ancestry.com, page 1](#)

Looks to me like Greenewald's intentions were a little less than puritanical.

<http://files.abovetopsecret.com/files/img/md54cb44c5.jpg>

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**matthew1977**  
Paranormal Maven

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*Well I guess Billy must have disliked my research because he deleted the entire thing:*

*the most amusing part about the Greenewald fiasco is how we - [Click to expand...](#) - at the time thought that our search history on the USA Today*

Project Blue Book should be free and easily available for everyone to see, tax payers paid for the collection of data for companies to "sell" the rights to easily search the content is wrong. I personally appreciated the ease it was to have searched the documents from the John's website while they were available.

Sent from my SAMSUNG-SM-G890A using Tapatalk

Jan 23, 2016



**Gene Steinberg**  
Forum Super Hero  
Staff Member

They were freely available and searchable for years. The Black Vault had no reason to bother.

Jan 23, 2016

matthew1977 likes this.



**Stultus Nuntium**  
Paranormal Novice

Hi Matthew,

*Project Blue Book should be free and easily available for everyone to see...*

Is this link somehow not free enough?

[Page 1 Project Blue Book - UFO Investigations - Fold3](#)

How about this one?

[Blue Book Archive](#)

Or this one?

[footnotereap - A project to scrape content off fold3 - Google Project Hosting](#)

All the images are free to individually download, [Fold 3 is searchable](#), and it even has other features allowing people to add comments and other metadata.

John took a copy of all those images and pretended like he didn't know he took them from Fold 3. Then when he was found out he said he made them "easier to access than ever before." This also wasn't true because the files were already [freely available to download from Reddit](#).

[The Black Vault's Statement on the Project Blue Book Files • /r/UFOs](#)

All John did was put them on his website, manufactured a misleading press release, and then played it off like he wasn't making any money on the documents despite the fact that [he had ads both on the bottom and top of the website, and was asking for donations on top of that to support "his work."](#)

So what exactly was there to appreciate? That he lied to you? [That he lied to the press?](#) That he ripped off a company that probably spent hundreds of man hours scanning the content? That [he ripped off an open source software team that made the files freely available in the first place](#) so everyone could have a full personal copy? What exactly is there to appreciate here?

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[Honey-Pot](#) and [matthew1977](#) like this.



**matthew1977**  
Paranormal Maven

Stultus Nuntium said: ↑

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*[Page 1 Project Blue Book - UFO Investigations - Fold3](#)*

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Thanks for correcting me. I guess I had based my info to much from Openminds.tv where they recently discussed this (their year end review podcast) and reconfirmed my false veiws. I first learned about Project Blue Book being free from Johns website from Openminds.tv as well. I did a lot of research the short time it was up. At that time I was unaware the other places it was freely available. I got the impression from Alejandro's podcast that they are aware of others who want to repost the content John had to take down. Knowing all of this, it seems like a complete waste of time and effort. I was pissed when he had to take it down, but apparently I was pissed at the wrong persons.

Sent from my SAMSUNG-SM-G890A using Tapatalk

Jan 23, 2016



**Stultus Nuntium**  
Paranormal Novice

Quick follow-up, I wanted to thank Billy Cox for posting my comment to The Herald Tribune article, even if it took a little coaxing to get it posted. I am curious what Billy's thoughts are now as originally Billy seemed very supportive of John Greenewald in the article.

After I posted my research here in late January I went to TheBlackVault website to ask John for his side of the story. I never heard back. Big surprise there, right? Anyhow looking through Facebook yesterday I saw an article on TheBlackVault news feed with John holding a "Researcher of the Year Award" from the OpenMinds Network presented by Alejandro Rojas for his "work" releasing the Project Blue Book (PBB) documents.

[facebook.com/TheBlackVault/photos/...](https://facebook.com/TheBlackVault/photos/...)

This is the same Alejandro Rojas who openly admits he knew *before he wrote the article that broke the story to the world*, that the Blue Book documents were released *by someone other than John*. Yet despite knowing this, for some strange reason Alejandro interviewed John whose only contribution was to download the material to his website, rather than instead *interview the people who were responsible for obtaining and releasing all 120,000+ documents (200 Gigabytes according to Rojas!) in to the public domain*.

The story with Rojas *gets odder yet* though. Reporters typically make it a point to cite their "anonymous sources". Alejandro unbelievably though never acknowledged, or even once bothered to mention in any of his official news releases, anything about the other people who were responsible for digitizing the PBB material that TheBlackVault filched — *nor did he correct this in any subsequent articles for that matter*. *This despite Alejandro's own admittance that he knew the identities of the other developers who had been involved beforehand*.

Seriously, no joke!

[abovetopsecret.com...](http://abovetopsecret.com...)  
[openminds.tv...](http://openminds.tv...)

Am I the only one who thinks that's weird?

The BBC news piece written by Debbie Siegelbaum includes a few quotes from Alejandro and Greenewald; and *again* there is no mention of Fold3 or this mystery "Xtraeme" person who wrote the software to extract and assemble all the documents from Fold3 and the National Archives.

[bbc.com...](http://bbc.com...)

Seriously, WTF?

Alejandro has to know at this point, after *a year of companies issuing legal threats and journalists tearing apart John's story*, that Greenewald didn't do much of anything to get the Blue Book material online. Yet Alejandro is giving him an award now? What next? Is the International UFO Congress going to give Disclose.tv an award for "Best Documentary of the Year" for people downloading indie UFO documentaries like James Fox's "Out of the Blue" off Youtube, and reposting the videos to disclose.tv? For what, their hard work pilfering ad revenue?

The best I can figure is Greenewald and Rojas have an arrangement where The Black Vault directs traffic to Open Minds and Open Minds directs traffic to the Black Vault as a way to boost each others ad income. I don't know. Honestly I wouldn't be surprised to learn if they had a profit sharing agreement. The whole thing just doesn't make any sense otherwise. Who goes through all the effort of sending out fictitious press releases and posts all that information on their website only to tear it all down a week later unless it's just a publicity stunt?

Even more strange is when I googled to see if there is some sort of link between Open Minds and the Black Vault, I found a GreaseMonkey script on GreasyFork under the account name "theblackvault" that blocks ads on different competitors websites like AboveTopSecret.com.

[greasyfork.org...](http://greasyfork.org...)

Nothing wrong with a little competition I suppose, but who knew the UFO scene was so rife with business backstabbing and outright thefts -- all to make a buck?

Makes me feel bad for the few honest voices like Gene, Michael Swords, Isaac Koi, and the anonymous "Mr. X"'s of the world.

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Mar 4, 2016

**TheSkepticGuy**  
Paranormal Novice

Hey there, SkepticOverlord from ATS here.

This is really strange and rather disappointing that John would do this. We collaborated quite a bit a few years back, so I have no idea why he'd now feel compelled to do this -- we've had no contact, and no ill-will at all.

He's not responding to my emails, so maybe he's been taking Alex Jones' magic vitamins, and has gone to the dark side. ☐

Mar 5, 2016

Ron Away likes this.

**Stultus Nuntium**  
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Hi Skeptic. I don't know. The whole thing looks underhanded and deceitful to me. The fact that the Blue Book news was resurrected late January of this year by [ABC-10/USA Today](#) and now awards are being given out by people who should know better, just makes me think John is up to something. Maybe it's related. I recall reading a comment of yours in the [The BlackVault Sued By Fold3 and Ancestry.com](#) thread. John may have taken the comment personally. To me the whole thing looks like someone who's doing their utmost to get their name out there and grow their brand by attacking the competition. It's not pretty.

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*Minds differ still more than faces.*

—Voltaire

Imagine—if you can—not having a conscience, none at all, no feelings of guilt or remorse no matter what you do, no limiting sense of concern for the well-being of strangers, friends, or even family members. Imagine no struggles with shame, not a single one in your whole life, no matter what kind of selfish, lazy, harmful, or immoral action you had taken. And pretend that the concept of responsibility is unknown to you, except as a burden others seem to accept without question, like gullible fools. Now add to this strange fantasy the ability to conceal from other people that your psychological makeup is radically different from theirs. Since everyone simply assumes that conscience is universal among human beings, hiding the fact that you are conscience-free is nearly effortless. You are not held back from any of your desires by guilt or shame, and you are never confronted by others for your cold-bloodedness. The ice water in your veins is so bizarre, so completely outside of their personal experience, that they seldom even guess at your condition.



In other words, you are completely free of internal restraints, and your unhampered liberty to do just as you please, with no pangs of conscience, is conveniently invisible to the world. *You can do anything at all*, and still your strange advantage over the majority of people, who are kept in line by their consciences, will most likely remain undiscovered.

How will you live your life? What will you do with your huge and secret advantage, and with the corresponding handicap of other people (conscience)? The answer will depend largely on just what your desires happen to be, because people are not all the same. Even the profoundly unscrupulous are not all the same. Some people—whether they have a conscience or not—favor the ease of inertia, while others are filled with dreams and wild ambitions. Some human beings are brilliant and talented, some are dull-witted, and most, conscience or not, are somewhere in between. There are violent people and nonviolent ones, individuals who are motivated by blood lust and those who have no such appetites.

Maybe you are someone who craves money and power, and though you have no vestige of conscience, you do have a magnificent IQ. You have the driving nature and the intellectual capacity to pursue tremendous wealth and influence, and you are in no way moved by the nagging voice of conscience that prevents other people from doing everything and anything they have to do to succeed. You choose business, politics, the law, banking, or international development, or any of a broad array of other power professions, and you pursue your career with a cold passion that tolerates none of the usual moral or legal incumbrances. When it is expedient, you doctor the accounting and shred the evidence, you stab your employees and your clients (or your constituency) in the back, marry for money, tell lethal premeditated lies to people who trust you, attempt to ruin colleagues who are powerful or eloquent, and simply steamroll over groups who are dependent and voiceless. And all of this you do with

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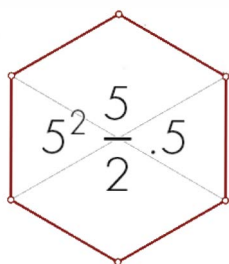
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blind belief in another."*

-- Georg Christoph Lichtenberg



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## **Beyond UFO Secrecy**

Ever consider the full extent of secrets the U.S. Government truly holds? After September 11th, the word 'conspiracy' became a household word. Rumors of lies and deception circulated the globe, and even though patriotism was at an all time high, conspiracy theories were also climbing.

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## **About the Author**

John Greenewald, Jr. started researching government secrets when he was fifteen years old. The Black Vault internet website was soon to follow, and continued to grow over 100,000 pages online. John finished this book, *Beyond UFO Secrecy*, in 2002 when he was twenty-one years old. Fulfilling his dream of creating a company by the age of 18, John accomplished one more of the goals by publishing this book as well.

John has appeared on television in over 10 countries, and on national and local U.S. networks which include FOX, NBC, NBC 4 Los Angeles, WNBC New York, The Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, The History Channel, A&E, and TNN. John has also been featured in newspapers across the nation such as the Los Angeles Daily News, the Los Angeles Times, Baltimore Sun, Florida Today and many others.

## **Contact the Author**

You may contact John via the methods outlined below. All letters are truly appreciated and read in depth. However, due to the volume of letters received, it is impossible for all to be answered.

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Of course John can receive letters via his e-mail address above, but he also invites you to his internet website before, during and after reading this book, which is located at:

**<http://www.blackvault.com>**



irst and foremost, this book is for my grandma. She inspired me to learn the art of computers. Sitting next to her when I was 11 years old, she would teach me how to use DOS and Windows, and even introduced me to the

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**For  
Grandma**

# Acknowledgements

# Introduction



What is The Black Vault?

The Black Vault was a dream I had when I was fifteen years old. It is an internet website where people could come for free, to learn, research, and communicate with others from around the globe.

I quickly found that this venture I was going to undertake would never be completed. The true and founding purpose of The Black Vault was to research and house government documents on a vast array of subjects.

This showed me a never-ending paper trail that stretched throughout every corner of the U.S. Government. With this amount of information, The Black Vault could never and will never stop growing.

The majority of the documents within The Black Vault are not found anywhere else. Straight from the U.S. Government under the Freedom of Information Act, I researched what the government does not want the general public to know.

There is over 107,000 pages of material, and growing every day. This book tells how it all began, and profiles the research into the most popular subject on The Black Vault -- The UFO phenomenon.

One of the toughest tasks to undertake since I started this venture would have to be this book itself. I want to show so much information; it's hard for me to even figure out where to begin. However, I hope I have accomplished my goal of giving you an easy-to-understand guide to the never-ending paper trail I had to sift through.

It has been a tedious mission, but a learning experience I will never forget.

As you can see by the table of contents, the book is laid out in two parts. The first part is how The Black Vault came to be.

The second part is the research itself. Laid out by the agency, and is in the order of relevance for proving this massive cover-up. This section is obviously the majority of the book.

You will see references to documents and the documents themselves as you are reading through this book. This is to better illustrate exactly what I am trying to say, and show you the proof of what I am saying.

Since day one of my research, I always wanted to show the validity of any statements I would want to make. They would always be backed up by the documentation I have received. The same is true for this book as well.

What I have compiled here are some of the most crucial pieces of evidence to prove beyond any reasonable doubt that the U.S. Government is covering-up SOMETHING related to the UFO phenomenon. The rest is then up to you to decide what that 'something' is.

Once you reach the end of this book, I hope I have given you something to think about. The implications behind the evidence is staggering, and the ideas you could debate with friends and family will be quite powerful and thought provoking. Just ask anyone I have sat down to dinner with, and if we get on the topic of UFOs, the evidence shown proves to be quite irrefutable.

All I ask is that you keep an open mind about the information, and remember this entire book is 100% verified and true. Not based on my word given to you (which, of course, you do have) but based on government information that anyone can obtain.

Enjoy!



**Top Secret**

**Part 1:**  
**The Black Vault Emerges**

**Top Secret**



## Chapter 1:

# Genetics

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the  
beauty of their dreams. "*

-- Eleanor Roosevelt



here do I even begin on how I came to start The Black Vault? This site has been the result of thousands of hours of research, and starting it was one of the best decisions of my life.

When I was young, I used to love the subject of UFOs and Science Fiction. I collected comic books, and found myself intrigued by the unexplained.

What I was reading were the ideas of creative writing, not the truth. I never thought I would actively research the UFO phenomenon, nor did I really even want to. I was curious about it; so I decided to take a look to see what was 'out there' involving the subject.

So I started looking on the Internet for information on this very controversial subject. It was the middle of 1996, I was fifteen years old, and I started sifting through the millions of pages on the Internet regarding the Paranormal.

Searching Google.com for "ufo" gives more than 1.6 million pages. The result: a never-ending trail of websites that told the same "he said / she said stories", the same Roswell facts and questions, and many ridiculous pictures claiming to be "flying saucers."

The question of "What is the truth?" would not leave my mind, and lingered for months before I took the next step of my research. Which of these websites were false, which were real, and which were just online to make a few dollars?

In my spare time, I decided to teach myself the art of HTML, the computer language used to create web pages. It was something I always wanted to do, and after a few days of learning, my small abode on the Internet became a reality.

Subjects like video games, military aircraft, and anything else I wanted to add, got it's section on my site. It was untitled, it had no order, and it had no vision other than simply testing new programming skills I was learning.

The subject of UFOs was not even on my site in the beginning, and my only UFO research at this point consisted of looking at search engines and websites.

Though when August of 1996 came around, I looked

again at the UFO subject on the Internet. I found the same stories, the same lies, the same unanswered questions, and it was quite frustrating even on the second attempt of "surfing the 'net."

To my surprise, a story surfaced on a site I came across, detailing an unbelievable recount of a UFO sighting in Iran. In Tehran to be exact, the most intriguing UFO sighting took place in 1976. It was published in a four-page United States Government document, and claimed to be legit.

"Was this an official U.S. Government document?" I quickly asked myself when I finished reading this short story. Reading just like an X-Files episode, I was sure it was a hoax.

The author of this website offered proof, which contradicted almost every other site I went to.

All I needed to do was use a tool called the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The process of validation was simple. Print out a form letter, sign your name on it, and send it to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). The rest was up to the DIA, and the FOIA.

An easy process in the beginning, four weeks after the request was sent in, I received an envelope from the DIA.

Now at this time, I was still fifteen years old; to get this free package of documents from the government was exciting enough. Yet, to see the four-page document that I read on the Internet was genuine, well, that in itself was astounding.

Finally, an irrefutable shred of evidence UFOs might exist, and from the U.S. Government, of all places, to prove it!

I frantically went back on the Internet, and looked for more documents like the one I had just received. I found absolutely nothing. Not even the government themselves, at this time, had any documents on their websites.

Was there really nothing to be found on the entire Internet? This place of unbelievable size, and growing number of web pages, yet, there was not one website that focused on disseminating these government documents to the public?

For hours I tried to prove that statement wrong, but in reality, it was very true. Not one website focused on these

nuggets of truth, and on top of that, the U.S. Government did not make this information readily available to those who wanted it. In short, nearly 100% of all those interested in the subject would have no access to these documents whatsoever.

So my next step literally changed my life. At the age of fifteen in late August of 1996, I began to build that website I looked so hard for. I wanted to satisfy the curiosity of those who wanted to know the truth, which included myself. I scrapped my old website, focusing on one subject only... UFOs.

Unknown to me at this time, I would not find the truth as easily as I thought.

The stories of UFO sightings from around the world began to surface, and they all came from the U.S. Government. Documents that were not supposed to exist were found all throughout the Government - the lies, the deception and the conspiracies flourished.

So then it began.

There had to be more documents on this subject, more of these stories that receive no publicity whatsoever. These documents read like Science Fiction, and the stories they told were amazing.

Yet, these were not Sci-Fi stories thought up from creative writers and Hollywood geniuses; these stories were completely genuine.

So I taught myself the art of the FOIA. I learned by simply using the very valuable, though rather tricky, tool called the Freedom of Information Act. Even years after I began, I did not even learn the whole 'game' that you needed to play, but each day I took the next step in uncovering even more of the information.

I started forwarding these requests off by the mail in truckloads. Ten, fifteen, twenty, even forty at a time, I submitted these "FOIA Requests" to every government agency I could think of. It was not long before the Government quickly knew who I was.

To my surprise I did not find more four-page documents that showed great stories. Instead, I found myself looking at hundreds upon thousands of pages spread throughout every corner of the U.S. Government. The story these documents were telling me about the conspiracy was undeniable, and I knew this was going to be an interesting ride!

The task was huge, the patience level was high, and the excitement I had was immense. This was all fuel to the launching of The Black Vault website.

Unknown to me at the time, I was getting myself into one of the biggest decisions I have ever made. At this point, the troubles that were going to come along with my newly found venture have not even began to emerge yet, nor did I know the magnitude of what they were going to be like.

Chapter 2:

The Growth and  
Troubles Ahead

*"Trouble brings experience, and experience brings wisdom."*

-- Anonymous



he wheels were in motion to the architecture of my new web site. The data I was going to put online, was starting to be researched, and the first collection of documents were on their way from the government.

I called the site, "The Black Vault" but how did I get the name?

I spent days thinking of the name, and the image I wanted to portray. I went through hundreds of everyday, conspiracy type terminology, which just did not fit my vision. Though when 3:00am rolled around one morning, I finally had an idea.

As the documents were trickling into my mailbox, I noticed a trend. Much of the information was classified, and the information that was to remain hidden from the public, was blacked out. "The inkwells were certainly going to run dry by the time I finished with my research," I thought, but a perfect beginning to my title, "black". Then I needed something else in the title... something "Black" could describe.

"The Black Vault?" PERFECT! I was building an archive, a "Vault of Information" and I knew the name would fit. I went through hundreds of names in my head, and The Black Vault was the title to be.

So I wrote the name down, and off to bed I went. Again, the future was unfolding before me, and I had no idea what I was getting myself into.

Armed with my computer, and the documents now at my doorstep, I started typing. No computer scanner to scan them, I used my eyes and my fingers to get these documents on the Internet, for all to see.

I developed special codes to depict anything I might find on these documents. It was my vision for the newly developed Black Vault website, to have the documents EXACTLY on screen like they are seen from the government. I wanted the least amount of questions to be posed from my website regarding legitimacy. So I had to develop a "legend" of unreadable characters, blacked out text, poorly photocopied text, stamped words, handwritten words, etc.

The following are only some of the codes I used to show what the documents looked like:

I paid careful attention to line breaks, and even character spacing when I put these documents online. For months I typed these documents in by hand, and I built an archive of around four hundred pages of documents before my true problems began.

Code	Definition
{ text }	Portrayed handwritten text
□□□□□□□□	Depicted blacked out information
th?? re??	Unreadable characters and words
[ STAMP ]	Indicated a stamped word

The first problem arose, when it took months just to get four hundred pages online. To hand type these documents, well, it was definitely going to be a hardship. Both tedious and tiresome, I had to find an alternative to getting these documents online in a more timelier manner.

I learned of computer scanners, and researched the technology that was currently on the market. I learned quickly I needed a flatbed scanner, and it would cost around four hundred dollars to buy. The scanner would serve multiple purposes, and I knew it would be an integral part of my newly found online arsenal.

Foremost, it would speed up the time it took me to get the documents online, but secondly, it served as an avenue to get these documents online with more of a genuine look and feel.

Instead of typing in the documents, and having my users download computer text, I took my vision for the site to the next level.

The second crucial problem I had to overcome had surfaced the second the site vision changed. I had no space



online to put these images up, because files of this quality and size needed a server large enough to hold them.

My problem was just beginning. I had run out of space allotted to me by my Internet provider, with around four hundred and fifty pages of material on the Internet. I needed the scanner to now show these images in a new light, but I needed the server to hold the images of the documents produced by the scanner.

The problem: around \$400 in my bank, with the scanner putting me flat broke. I also needed the server to house the data, and the scanner to create the data. One was useless without the other, and no matter which one I purchased first, I'd be broke in the end.

After a few days of thinking, I decided to get the flat bed scanner. Putting my bank balance to a little over zero, I had to wait and stop building my site to replenish the funds. I held no job at this point due to being in school, so money was hard to find.

I was attempting to balance school throughout my planning as well. Though, I am sure I probably held my priorities in the wrong order (can you guess which came first?).

My priorities, my passion and my life have always been in the archive I was building. It was number one in my life; letting other, probably more important things, slide to number two.

I was a kid with a hobby, and I did not want to let it go. School should have been my number one priority, but instead I found it much more interesting to uncover a government secret than learn the formulas of geometry. The UFO cover-up or studying verb conjugation in Spanish... Hmmm.

I even found myself drafting FOIA requests in English class, or reading a government document in Biology, when I should have been studying for a test. (Yes mom and dad, the things you learn when your son writes his book!)

What happened next was the turning point in The Black Vault's unveiling. It was one of the strangest occurrences in the years I have been doing this job, and the

event brought me the foundation I needed to completely begin my journey, all in a gift from Indonesia.



### Chapter 3:

# The Dot Com Surprise

*"Computers are useless. They can only give you answers."*  
-- Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)



ot even one day after I bought the scanner, I received an e-mail, which would shape the rest of The Black Vault's history. One example of structuring my belief that "everything happens for a reason."

I opened an e-mail, one of many I received each day, and the author introduced himself only with the name of "Jack." He proceeded to tell me how he has watched my site grow since I started it many months prior.

The Black Vault had been in existence for about seven months at this point, so I was a bit surprised to see someone show such an appreciation for the site already. The direction I was going with my site was never discussed, so no one really knew what I was trying to accomplish yet.

After being extremely complimentary, he explained what a "grant proposal" was, and why someone would use it. Outlining a rough draft, he told me to fill it out, explaining what I needed and why, what I wanted to do, and where I thought I could go with it. He ended by saying he wanted to send in a "small donation."

A "small donation" I defined as twenty bucks or so, not knowing this was going to be such a turning point. I did what was requested, outlined the vision I had to show the document images for validity purposes, the server I needed with web space, and showed the monthly charges with setup fees. Within 20 minutes of my completion of the grant proposal, I received a response.

He wanted to sponsor me for six months, and wanted to wire me four hundred dollars to do just that. Of course, I fell off my chair and yelled for my mom to come in and double check what I was reading.

This was exactly what I needed.

No recognition or no thanks, he wanted absolutely nothing in return. He asked only one thing of me, and that was to find a way to get the money from his home in Indonesia, to my home in southern California.

Money Gram was my answer, and sure enough within a week, I had four crisp one hundred dollar bills ready to mold

The Black Vault in whichever way I pleased.

Immediately, I started the next step. Purchasing the "dot com" everyone was raving about as the new fad, I purchased BlackVault.com. Purchasing then the server, which allocated me an "unlimited" amount of space on the Internet (so the hosting plan said), and then the account enhancements to build what I needed. I was well on my way to shaping my dream.

Within weeks, I had the four hundred and fifty or so pages that were currently online transferred to image format. I wanted to show the entire road it took me to get the documents, to show that anyone could verify this.

So in addition to adding images of the documents, I added images of the letters of correspondence as well.

About a year since the site began, it grew into a fairly sizeable archive, and also serving about five hundred people a day. The site began to grow at such an incredible rate; I could not keep up with the e-mails I was receiving from daily visitors. Documents were also coming to my front door faster than I could get them online.

I continued on with my trek. I would add the pages to the Internet as fast as I could scan and program them.

Soon, another factor came into play which helped shape The Black Vault's growth even further. This has been the hardest to get used to... the media.



## Chapter 4:

# The Media Blitz

*"Whoever controls the media -- the images --  
controls the culture."  
-- Allen Ginsberg*





ive the general public a controversial subject; the media is quick to follow. After a year of The Black Vault's existence, certain media outlets appeared to cover The Black Vault and give more exposure to the archive.

The first one to step up to the plate was a review in the very popular "UFO Magazine" in 1997. Appearing in the "Web Watch" column, The Black Vault got its first taste of being in the news spotlight. (March/April 1997 Volume 12, No. 2) In this article, Glen Boyd took notice of the work I was doing, and wrote the following:

*ENTER THE BLACK VAULT: For anyone who has ever worried what the future state of UFO research may be once the current generation of researchers goes on to that great mothership in the sky, look no further than the website of John Greenwald, age 15. The Black Vault chronicles Greenwald's tireless efforts to uncover the truth behind the UFO mystery, mostly through Freedom of Information Act requests for various government documents. Greenwald's paper trail is a long one, beginning at the CIA, with stops along the way at the National Security Agency, Department of the Navy, National Reconnaissance Office, Secretary of Defense Office, and a couple of Air Force bases, including Wright-Patterson. In the Black Vault, Greenwald retraces every step of this journey from his FOIA requests letters (and the rejections he got back) all the way through to his successes in retrieving documents... which are painstakingly reproduced here in hand-typed form. Explains the young Greenwald, "I don't have a scanner or a job to work for one." The Black Vault also includes some of Greenwald's own articles, including the provocatively titled, "The FOIA... Or Is It?" There are also Greenwald's tips on making FOIA requests, and a citizen's guide and kit for doing the same. Memo from Webwatch to Stanton Friedman: Hire this kid immediately, he's that good!*

Was I dreaming, or was one of the most respected

and well-known researchers in the UFO field just mentioned in the same sentence as my name?

As this article was published, a following began to form. From the magazine readers to Internet surfers who wandered in, The Black Vault took it's next step to growing in popularity.

Next, I learned that I picked a heck of a time to start my research. Within a year of starting, the 50th anniversary to the Roswell incident was the next July.

So as I was recovering from the shock of having this fantastic article printed about the site, I received a phone call from another magazine publisher set to release a special Roswell Special issue for a commemoration. They were interested in covering The Black Vault and the research within.

I did my second phone interview with the author, which was a great learning experience. Asking me all sorts of fun things I loved to talk about, he recorded our conversation for his later use.

He wrote a full-page article on The Black Vault, appropriately titled "Inside The Black Vault." The best part about the article, however, was the subtitle: "Or how a pushy teenager discovered the truth about the Government UFO connection."

Not only was the article a fantastically written piece and exposé of the site, it made the cover of the magazine! The title of my section, "Top Secret UFO Documents" made it right onto the front cover, along with The Black Vault receiving the credit and thanks for the documents used in over 10 pages of this feature.

After this Roswell piece was published, I had the honor of being on Sightings On The Radio, hosted by Jeff Rense. Art Bell was soon to follow, and I did many other interviews as well, including the Baltimore Sun and other newspaper articles throughout the United States.

It was the Baltimore Sun's article, however, that would take The Black Vault to the next level of public awareness. Even unknown to the Baltimore Sun, one person would read

that article that would change The Black Vault forever.

I'm not even aware of her name to thank her, but in Baltimore, a resident there read my article and decided to send it to their daughter in Los Angeles, a Hollywood Producer working on a UFO documentary for NBC.

When they say "the business" (meaning Hollywood) is all about the connections you make, and the people you know, it's true. Even more so, sometimes it is the people you don't know.

When this producer got a hold of this article, they put a post-it note and forwarded it along to their staff by writing on it, "Call this kid!" How did I find this out? Because within a few weeks of the article being published, I received their phone call regarding the TV show. Within hours, I was standing in their production offices for an initial interview.

Who was I to be standing in Hollywood, in the offices of very talented producers working for NBC? I had no television experience and no idea what they wanted with me, so what was I doing there?

The experience was unforgettable. Meeting the producers and the staff involved was quite a learning experience on how television shows were created.

If I were not in the field of UFO research and computer work, I would be working on a TV or movie set; the "movie magic" involved simply amazes me.

After about an hour or so of asking questions, they wanted to set up a taping where they would come to the house, and film me talking about the research I had accomplished so far for their documentary.

Needless to say, I completely agreed to the offer, and within a month or two, they showed up at my house with cameras, lights, crew members, and all sorts of equipment. I couldn't believe how much equipment was involved in filming one person.

Though the idea I had of them only filming one person

that day, well, I was sorely mistaken. After introducing the director to my parents and sister, and chatting for a while off camera, the director jokingly said to me, "Now, go to your room!"

"Ok, what is going on?" I asked myself. Then, I quickly figured it out. The director wanted me out of the room to ask my mom, dad and sister questions about my research. He was not only interviewing me, but my whole family!

This was quite a shock; not only to me, but to my entire family. The forty-five minutes I spent in my bedroom waiting for them to finish had to be the longest forty-five minutes of my life.

I had no idea what was being asked, nor did I know how my parents or even my sister would talk about me on camera. If that wasn't nerve wracking enough, I knew that within the hour, I too would be called out to have an interview. Since this was my first "on-camera" interview, I had no idea how I would do, act or come across.

Taping a phone interview for one person's use in a magazine was one thing, but now I was filming on camera for millions of people on one of the biggest networks in television. If that's not stress, I do not know what is!

"John?" I heard from the other room being yelled. I knew this was it, the moment of truth. Would I be able to form words or even what I liked to call sentences, or would I freeze on film? I hated cameras; still pictures or video cameras and me did not mix. I dodged cameras all the time, and even to this day stay away from film as much as possible.

So I entered the dining room, where they interviewed my family, and it was transformed into a studio you might see on a movie set. Lights, a large camera, a small TV screen for the director, and equipment thrown throughout my entire living room graced my house.

I was wondering where the director would tape my interview, when he then said, "Ok, now we want you all to eat breakfast, and pretend we aren't even here."

"Pretend you aren't even here?" Sure! Not only do we rarely eat breakfast at the dining room table (heavily

conflicting schedules) we are supposed to ignore the 3 additional people in the house hovering over the table, ignore the big camera being shoved in our faces, and ignore this boom microphone that looked like an animal floating over our food.

This was not going to be easy.

Needless to say, I was nervous. We didn't eat like we normally would, and I even poured orange juice for my sister, Heather. My sister does not even like orange juice!

I never in a million years thought that me pouring a bowl of Fruity Pebbles would be interesting, though that as well got its turn being videotaped. It was quite amusing to see what they wanted, and I had yet to even be asked a question on tape yet about my research.

Then, the time came. They had enough of the breakfast table, us eating, chatting and being a family, when I was asked to relax while they transformed my living room into the next "movie set."

They set up a chair, where I would sit, and began creating a setting that would be complimented with lights and the repositioning of my house for a background.

Large black shields were placed over my front windows to block out the sunlight, and the lights with different color filters would be placed around the room to illuminate the setting.

To loosen up the atmosphere, as the cameraman was kneeling in front of me in the chair putting a little makeup on, the director told me the camera was actually filming. He was going to save the footage for blackmail, and later sell it to the highest bidder. Glad they joked around with me a bit; I needed a laugh because this was getting to be very nerve wracking.

The director asked if all were ready. Everyone concurred, and the interview went underway.

The very intimidating "red light" of the camera turned on and the questions began. I was nervous at first, but eventually got the hang of it and just let the answers flow.

He asked the generic questions, getting specific at times, but to me it was all the same. Specific or not, I loved

talking about it, and could go whichever direction he wanted to take the interview.

After about an hour and twenty minutes later, the interview was done. They moved the "set" into the front converted bedroom, which held my computer and the documents of The Black Vault. They wanted to shoot what they call 'B-Role', where they would film me not talking, but just working and doing my computer work. They use this for filler space in the interview and to take up some time. The filming of the B-Role lasted about forty-five minutes.

The next step was also unexpected. They wanted to pack up the equipment, and head to my school, which was just getting out. (I got to take the day off of school) More B-Role footage, this was going to be showing me at school with my friends at Alemany High School, in Mission Hills, California.

Most of my friends at this point had absolutely no idea what I was doing with The Black Vault. It just wasn't something that I would tell everyone I knew, and I had no idea what the reaction would be like.

Though when an NBC film crew showed up, and was filming me just walking around campus, word spread about The Black Vault and what I did for a hobby.

On top of that, someone had the idea to report it to the announcement staff, and it actually went out over the speaker system at school. Once it was out on the airdate for NBC, everyone came up to me and offered their congratulations. My fear of whatever stereotype might have followed quickly vanished, as the reception to this by my friends was fantastic.

Roughly two hours behind camera, with breakfast at the table and shots of my mom, dad and sister, I wondered how big this piece was actually going to be after the final cut.

Before the U.S. saw it, I was given a screening copy so that I could see how it turned out when it was all done. I put in the tape, made sure my mom, dad and sister were all there, and we began watching.



It started with a piece on a Mexico UFO sighting and video. Jaime Maussan was the main researcher and expert used in this segment, and he completely vouched for its authenticity.

Once the segment was nearing it's end, the segment completely made the video look like a fraud, and showing Jaime Maussan as being sorely mistaken to believing it's authenticity.

At this point, I was petrified. I started to sweat, because if they made Jaime Maussan out to be someone who should not be believing in their own research, what were they going to do to a 17 year old kid?

My whole family sat quiet, as we all had the same fears, but never actually formed it into words to tell the others.

I saw the cuts before and after where the commercials would be fit in, and my segment was used to tease up-coming sections. So I knew I was at least still in it, though I just didn't know how long it would be for, nor did I know if the producers were going to be nice.

So then my segment finally began. It started with talking about the Internet, and how popular the UFO subject is online.

The segment was incredible, and to this day of writing this book, this has been the best interview I have ever done. It lasted for about five minutes, and the editing, the footage, the wording, everything was flawless.

Not only did they show the value of the site as a research tool, they showed the validity of the documents I obtained. The editors showed the documents themselves, and made sure to get the point across to the audience these were genuine, and there was nothing false about them.

The time from when I got this video, to the time it actually aired to the public, was about a 3 month waiting period. Only a few months, but it seemed like an eternity. What would the traffic be like when it aired? What interviews would come next? I kept asking myself questions, but none of them would be answered until February 17th, 1999, the date when this show finally made it's debut.

"Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us?" was the title to this documentary. Based on Whitley Strieber's book, *Confirmation*, it would air on a Wednesday night in a prime-time spot from 8:00pm - 10:00pm.

After this was filmed, I started working at a computer / Internet company. Here I had worked my way up to running the entire Internet division and I oversaw the development of over thirty in-house websites, and developed all of our client's websites.

This gave me experience I needed to build a way to make sure when I got a huge surge of traffic from this NBC special, my servers wouldn't crash. So, I created twelve servers across the United States to handle the upcoming surge. All placed throughout the U.S., they would all handle the traffic set to come.

I thought the work and server power I purchased would be enough. When the night I had been waiting for came, I nervously watched my traffic as the east coast first watched the documentary three hours before I was going to see it in California.

I got a huge surge of traffic before it ever aired, and I wondered why. Then I finally realized it. My segment in the documentary was teased in the very beginning, and my logo that said "The Black Vault" was shown on the air.

The viewers logged on to the Internet, and searched for my site before it ever even got its airtime. They were too anxious to wait, and the traffic that came from this alone, I knew my server was dead when I finally got the airtime. This little teaser in the beginning was only a few seconds long, and this caused an unbelievable spike!

Sure enough, when my segment came on, the server traffic load was horrendous. I have never seen anything like it, and quite possibly never will again. The traffic to the servers was just too immense for them to handle.

All servers went down, some crashed, and no one could get to the site. Those that were able to get on were met with a very slow connection. So many of them just gave up



after minutes of waiting.

No server would stay up for a 24-hour period, because there was so much traffic, it kept bringing them down. It took two days for me to calculate a 24-hour period, because on Friday morning to Saturday morning was the earliest 24-hour period that I could log.

It logged 6.7 million (yes, 6,700,000) unique hosts or 'people' that hit the site that day alone. I had the numbers checked four times before we all believed them, and it was a day I will never forget.

One of my servers was hosted at a company with thousands of clients throughout the world. They created a multi-million dollar network to host these sites, and mine was only one of them.

I talked to the technician that night, who was on duty that Wednesday, and he said he had never seen anything like the traffic I received.

"The Black Vault" crashed their network, and he brought me offline to save his other servers. He told me after about ten minutes, he decided to bring me back online, thinking it had to have died down a bit and not cause the same trouble. Within 45 seconds, I crashed the entire network again, and he decided my business with them was done.

It took weeks for the traffic to come down to a manageable level. Finally, people could move around the site with ease, and see the actual research. I think the only thing that could compare to the amount of traffic I drove that night would be a Yahoo or a MSN home page. Other than that, not much compared to it.

I decided to profile this interview, and this show, because this was the starting point to The Black Vault's publicity on the air.

Since that NBC interview, I have been on the History Channel, the Discovery Channel, Fox, KNBC (Los Angeles), WNBC (New York), KCAL (Los Angeles), A&E, ABC and others profiling my research.

This one interview would have to take credit for taking "The Black Vault" to the next level of media coverage. This allowed other networks to become aware of the truth coming out on my website, and they began covering it in many different ways.

The media story to "The Black Vault" can be a book in itself. The hardships, the fears, and emotions that came out during the process, are quite astounding.

Not knowing if the media wants to make you or break you, they have the option to do either. With a minor chop in the editing room, they can essentially make you say anything they want you to say. I have fallen victim to this on a few occasions.

Though in reality, it is essentially the media that is responsible for getting the word out to the public. The media has helped and continues to help The Black Vault get the word out, and for that, I have to thank them.



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Part 2:  
The Research

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## Chapter 5:

# The Research Begins

*"I find that a great part of the information I have was  
acquired by looking up something and finding  
something else on the way. "*

-- Franklin P. Adams



o that is how it all began... The Black Vault from the beginning to the present day. Though the research is by far the most interesting part of this tale. From here on out in this book, I will be recounting the evidence as I saw it, throughout

the past six years.

The evidence here, however, is presented in a much easier to understand method than it was received by The Black Vault. It took years to compile this information, and many months to present it here inside this book.

In the past few chapters, I have gone through the Genesis of The Black Vault, the mysterious grant, the money problems, the purchasing of the "dot com", and so much more.

Still one question lingered in my mind when I was beginning, and I am sure by this time you might be asking the same question. "Where in the world," or in this case the U.S. Government, "do I even start?"

This was one of the toughest questions to answer. In a government so large, with an archive so vast, where do I even begin to look for evidence? Would they even care about a fifteen-year-old kid making FOIA requests for UFO information? Would they simply put my requests in the trash?

I had thousands of questions I needed answers to, and there was only one way to find out. I had to begin my journey somewhere, and the only way to do that was to just dive right in and start.

So that is exactly what I did.

I had a tool; the Freedom of Information Act. Past that, there wasn't much I had to use to my advantage. I had to trust the fact the government would acknowledge my existence, and after that, it was all up to them to decide what I would get, and what I would not.

I knew the Defense Intelligence Agency, the agency that confirmed the four-page '1976 Iran Incident' document,

would be as good of a place as any. If they had those four pages, they had to have additional pages as well.

I figured out quickly the road was going to be long. It took years to fully learn the tricks the government would try and pull, and would take years to even get some of these documents out into the public.

They played games I never expected, and made me overcome obstacles I never thought I would have to conquer. The games included the run-around, denying evidence when in fact an agency had a room full of evidence, forwarded to offices that do not exist, and the list goes on and on.

The government's paper trail of evidence was a standing contradiction. Line up a page from here with a page from there, and the stories they told were complete opposites from each other.

The end result proves the following:

- No one can argue with the evidence.
- No one can argue with the fact the government has had, and still to this day, an interest in studying the UFO phenomenon.
- No one can argue the fact that the documents obtained, both those from 50 years ago and those to this day, display a subject that is one of the most heavily guarded topics of our time.
- No one can argue the fact that the "extraterrestrial" studies within the U.S. Government were once, and still to this day, a very important subject.
- No one can argue these points, and countless others that will be made throughout the reading of this book.

The evidence you will read is put in the order of relevance that I felt would best explain and prove these points as being true.

From time to time, I may stress certain points I know are important. Some points seem stronger than others, but in reality, some of the dullest and most boring points, are usually the most crucial parts to uncovering this vast conspiracy. If I become repetitive, there is a reason for it.



Remember, the government plays the game of a magician. Look at my right hand, because I do not want you to see my left.

Does that make any sense, whatsoever? Do not worry, it gets much easier to understand.

I practiced magic growing up, and the "slight of hand" trick is played by almost every agency. The second you let your guard down with the FOIA officers handling your case, something may pass you by that is vital to the research you are conducting. I've fallen victim to this scenario on more than one occasion.

With that being said, let's dive into secret archive of The Black Vault.

## Chapter 6:

# The "Official" Stance

*"No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air  
Force was ever an indication of threat to our national  
security"*

-- United States Air Force



he "official" stance on UFOs by the U.S. Government is rather obvious. They deny the existence of them, they deny the interest in the topic, and they deny the existence of documents relating to UFOs.

An explanation, which is so blatantly false, certainly does not take years of research to disprove. In this chapter, I will outline exactly what the government says when questioned about UFOs. This is their "official" stance on the subject.

The United States Air Force conducted their research into the UFO phenomenon, with a project known as Project Blue Book. Project Blue Book, which was started in 1947 and was cancelled in 1969, spent its years collecting and evaluating UFO reports from all over the country.

Also known as Project Grudge and Project Sign in past years, all UFO documentation, or so the government claims, ended up in the filing cabinets of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). These files were all placed under the heading of "Project Blue Book."

In 1969, the University of Colorado issued a report entitled, "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects." Once evaluated by the U.S. Air Force, it was determined that the study of this phenomenon was a waste of their time.

After 22 years of collecting this data, there was nothing to this phenomenon, and the report by the University of Colorado proved just that.

So in 1969, Project Blue Book was officially closed, and a "fact sheet" about the investigation was issued to the public that better explained the results (See Fig. 6-1).

## UFO FACT SHEET (07/96)

On Dec. 17, 1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force program for the investigation of UFO's.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations after 22 years of gathering data was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled: "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects." This report was a review of CU's report by the National Academy of Sciences; past UFO studies; and the U.S. Air Force's experience investigating UFO reports during that period from 1947 to 1969.

As a result of these investigations and studies and experience gained from looking into UFO reports, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of a threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that the 700 out of a total of 12,000 sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of current scientific knowledge; and (3) there is no hard evidence to suggest that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles or spacecraft.

With the termination of the Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for UFO investigations and analysis was rescinded. Documentation regarding the Blue Book investigation has been permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20408, and is available for public review and copying (charged per page).

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, no evidence has been presented to indicate that further investigation of UFO's by the Air Force or other government agency is warranted. In view of the considerable Air Force commitment of resources in the past and the extreme pressure on the Federal budget, there is no likelihood of renewed government involvement in this area.

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. Additionally, a list of major private UFO organizations can be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations (edition 8, vol 1, pp. 432-3). Finally, the two major national centers, National UFO Reporting Center, tel: (206) 722-3000, and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) at (512) 379-9126, encourage the public to call them with reports of sightings.

**Fig 6-1: The Black Vault has obtained Fact sheets like these countless times from all branches of the U.S. Government.**

This "fact sheet" really had nothing truly close to a "fact" on it. It's purpose was to show the results of Project Blue Book, and to explain the present day explanation for the UFO phenomenon.

Let's dissect the "fact sheet" to better understand it.

Firstly, it gives the history of Project Blue Book, and the date the project was cancelled. "On Dec. 17, 1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force program for the investigation of UFO's."

The second paragraph explains why Project Blue Book was cancelled. "The decision to discontinue UFO investigations after 22 years of gathering data was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled: 'Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects.'"

So far, it is not too bad. Believable, factual and historical; to this point the Air Force is simply giving the honest facts.

The next section of this sheet gave the results of the research. These points were listed as the following:

1. "No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security;
2. There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and
3. There was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' were extraterrestrial vehicles."

I decided to just list these points for now, and not completely debunk them yet. I will tackle each one throughout this book.

When I first read this "fact sheet" many years ago, it

was the only piece of paper I had to show what the government believed. If that is all the evidence you have, you are forced to believe them at their word. So at this point of my research, I did not have much of a choice but to think that UFO documentation was only at the National Archives and that there was no current day UFO investigation.

I couldn't have been farther from the truth.

The "fact sheet" then states after Project Blue Book had closed, the UFO reporting procedures and instructions were off the books. "With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded."

Giving contact information for private research groups like the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), and even giving instructions to contact local law enforcement, the Air Force made it clear they did not want anything to do with UFOs.

Or so they wanted us to believe.

This "fact sheet" has been the basis of how the government responds to UFO inquiries. They claim they don't have an interest, because this phenomenon is an easily explained mystery. These explanations all came from the Project Blue Book era.

From the planet Venus to Swamp Gas, Project Blue Book brought forth some of the most ridiculous explanations for UFO sightings ever imagined. The sad thing is we can't argue with the powers that be, so there is not much we can do about it.

Now, I am no scientist, but last time I checked the planet Venus does not go streaking across the sky in a saucer shape with a metallic reflection. Though, I have been known to be wrong from time to time.

When I contacted the National Archives for copies of the Project Blue Book records, I was informed of this fact sheet yet once again.

When I called to ask some questions regarding the documents, I was told that there are approximately 33,000 pages of Project Blue Book material, including Project Sign and Project Grudge files. It was going to be about twenty-five cents a page to receive them, which I was not about to pay.

Who in their right mind would pay over \$8,000 dollars for these records, when the government explained the majority of them already?

These "UFO" sightings were really not UFOs at all (with the exception of 710 of them). All of the 12,000+ sightings were all explained with these ridiculous explanations.

Of course they never told me about the microfilm I could have purchased for thousands of dollars cheaper.

So I gave up on researching the Project Blue Book records due to the lack of money and lack of interest in phony explanations.

This forced me to head elsewhere within the U.S. Government, and with that fact, I cannot thank the National Archives enough for making me do that.

This gave me the opportunity to explore new avenues, and explore new possibilities for the existence of records not yet discovered.

Not focusing on the Project Blue Book material, I focused on other agencies including the DIA. I attempted to learn the vast archive of the U.S. Government, and expose each UFO document outside of the Project Blue Book era, which according to the "fact sheet" do not exist.

Thousands of documents began to emerge, all contradicting the government's official stance on the subject. It seemed like no agency knew what the other agency had in their archives either.

I have always heard the expression; "The right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing" but never truly knew what it meant... until now.

## Chapter 7:

# The Defense Intelligence Agency Files

*"There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge..."*

-- United States Air Force





he Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is the nation's primary source for foreign military intelligence. The DIA says for itself that it is, "Committed to Excellence in Defense of the Nation."

The DIA archive held the four-page document that got me started with The Black Vault. Known as the "1976 Iran Incident" the document was not new to the field. I was not the one that uncovered this document to the world, but when I received it, it sparked a burning pursuit for the truth inside of me that I cannot explain.

To this day, the most visually interesting documents that I have found have come from the DIA. These UFO records were so secretive; I was able to uncover full pages of documents completely blacked out due to "national security."

When I first filed requests for these documents, I split the years up so I did not incur a charge. Non-commercial requesters were entitled to 100 free pages, and would have to pay for pages thereafter. So I felt if I requested only certain years at a time, I would bypass all charges.

Unfortunately, the DIA still charged me at the end, adding up all requests and sending me a bill. Yet the documents still came, in three separate packages, from the beginning of the DIA's history in 1961, all the way up to the present day.

What was strange about the documents was the fact that up until the past couple of years, the DIA still collected UFO reports and records. The older the documents were, the poorer the photocopy. More recent documents were more blacked out, and more secretive.

If I wasn't dealing with a bad photocopy, I was looking at nothing but black. "Let the games begin" so to say, because I knew at this point they would pull anything out in their arsenal to cover the evidence. Even a stamp that said "Best Copy Available" graced many documents, along with tiny dots on the paper supposedly representing words. I also learned a new definition for myself -- and that is "12th generation photocopy!"

Full pages blacked out, full paragraphs and full sentences; this UFO subject was turning out to be one heck of

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a secret. In fact, the DIA was blacking out so much classified information on the UFO files, they stopped wasting their ink, and actually cut black pieces of paper, and taped them to the pages, then photocopied that.

The result: a solid block around the documents, shrouding in secrecy whatever UFO information lies beneath.

With absolutely no words on the pages at all, it still was telling a story no one could deny; the UFO subject was real, it was current, and it was one of the biggest secrets the government held.

Since the DIA's mission was foreign intelligence, almost all of the UFO sightings in their archive were from other countries. From Iran, India, Chile and beyond, UFOs were being reported throughout the world, and the DIA was right there to collect the intelligence.

The DIA took great interest in these reports from every corner of the world, but in 1969, when Project Blue Book closed, the UFO collection continued. Contrary to the "official" stance on the UFO phenomenon, where no agency actively collects or is interested in the UFO phenomenon, the DIA alone contradicts this point.

So not ending in 1969, or 1979, or 1989, or even 1999; UFO documents were still being collected more than 30 years after the government denied interest. Why were these documents so important that the DIA had to show an interest in a subject that had already been investigated, and shown that they did not exist?

Let's find out, and explore the archives of the DIA's files:

### **The '1976 Iran Incident'**

The first case I want to profile is the infamous 1976 Iran Incident which got me started with my research.

To best understand the importance of the document, the entire text will be transcribed. While reading this, you will realize why I became so interested in the subject. I am sure you will also understand why that curiosity has not vanished.

The tale told in this four-page government document

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is one that displays information not found even in the present day. The implications behind the technology displayed over 25 years ago, can only show that the UFO phenomenon needs some additional research and investigation.

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A. AT ABOUT 1230 AM ON 19 SEP 76 THE IMPERIAL  
IRANIAN AIR FORCE (IIAF) COMMAND POST RECEIVED  
FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CITIZENS LIVING IN  
THE SHEMIRAN AREA OF TEHRAN SAYING THAT THEY  
HAD SEEN STRANGE OBJECTS IN THE SKY. SOME  
REPORTED A KIND OF BIRD-LIKE OBJECT WHILE  
OTHERS REPORTED A HELICOPTER WITH A LIGHT ON.  
THERE WERE NO HELICOPTERS AIRBORNE AT THAT  
TIME. THE COMMAND POST CALLED BG YOUSEFTI,  
ASSISTANT DEPUTY COMMANDER OF OPERATIONS.  
AFTER HE TOLD THE CITIZEN IT WAS ONLY STARS AND

HAD TALKED TO MEHRABAD TOWER HE DECIDED TO LOOK FOR HIMSELF. HE NOTICED AN OBJECT IN THE SKY SIMILAR TO A STAR BIGGER AND BRIGHTER. HE DECIDED TO SCRAMBLE AN F-4 FROM SHAHROKHI AFB TO INVESTIGATE.

B. AT 0130 HRS ON THE 19TH THE F-4 TOOK OFF AND PROCEEDED TO A POINT ABOUT 40NM NORTH OF TEHRAN. DUE TO ITS BRILLIANCE THE OBJECT WAS EASILY VISIBLE FROM 70 MILES AWAY. AS THE F-4 APPROACHED A RANGE OF 25 NM HE LOST ALL INSTRUMENTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (UHF AND INTERCOM). HE BROKE OFF THE INTERCEPT AND HEADED BACK TO SHAHROKHI. WHEN THE F-4 TURNED AWAY FROM THE OBJECT AND APPARENTLY WAS NO LONGER A THREAT TO IT THE AIRCRAFT REGAINED ALL INSTRUMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION. AT 0140 HRS A SECOND F-4 WAS LAUNCHED. THE BACKSEATER ACQUIRED A RADAR LOCK ON AT 28NM, 12 O'CLOCK HIGH POSITION WITH THE VC (RATE OF CLOSURE) AT 150 NM/PH. AS THE RANGE DECREASED TO 25 NM THE OBJECT MOVED AWAY AT A SPEED THAT WAS VISIBLE ON THE RADAR SCOPE AND STAYED AT 25 NM.

C. THE SIZE OF THE RADAR RETURN WAS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF A 767 TANKER. THE VISUAL SIZE OF THE OBJECT WAS DIFFICULT TO DISCERN BECAUSE OF ITS INTENSE BRILLIANCE. THE LIGHT THAT IT GAVE OFF HAS THAT OF FLASHING STROBE LIGHTS ARRANGED IN A RECTANGULAR PATTERN AND ALTERNATING BLUE, GREEN, RED AND ORANGE IN COLOR. THE SEQUENCE OF THE LIGHTS WAS SO FAST THAT ALL THE COLORS COULD BE SEEN AT ONCE. THE OBJECT AND THE PURSUING F-4 CONTINUED ON A COURSE TO THE SOUTH OF TEHRAN WHEN ANOTHER BRIGHTLY LIGHTED OBJECT, ESTIMATED TO BE ONE HALF TO ONE THIRD THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE MOON, CAME OUT OF THE ORIGINAL OBJECT. THIS SECOND OBJECT HEADED STRAIGHT TOWARD THE F-4 AT A VERY FAST RATE OF SPEED. THE PILOT ATTEMPTED TO FIRE AN AIM-9 MISSILE AT THE OBJECT BUT AT THAT

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INSTANT HIS WEAPONS CONTROL PANEL WENT OFF AND HE LOST ALL COMMUNICATION (UHF AND INTERPHONE). AT THIS POINT THE PILOT INITIATED A TURN AND NEGATIVE G DIVE TO GET AWAY. AS HE TURNED THE OBJECT FELL IN TRAIL AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 2-4 NM. AS HE CONTINUED IN HIS TURN AWAY FROM THE PRIMARY OBJECTS THE SECOND OBJECT WENT TO THE INSIDE OF HIS TURN THEN RETURNED TO THE PRIMARY OBJECT FOR A PERFECT REJOIN.

D. SHORTLY AFTER THE SECOND OBJECT JOINED UP WITH THE PRIMARY OBJECT ANOTHER OBJECT APPEARED TO COME OUT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PRIMARY OBJECT GOING STRAIGHT DOWN, AT A GREAT RATE OF SPEED. THE F-4 CREW HAD REGAINED COMMUNICATIONS AND THE WEAPONS CONTROL PANEL AND WATCHED THE OBJECT APPROACH THE GROUND ANTICIPATING A LARGE EXPLOSION. THIS OBJECT APPEARED TO COME TO REST GENTLY ON THE EARTH AND CAST A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT OVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 2-3 KILOMETERS.

THE CREW DESCENDED FROM THEIR ALTITUDE OF 26M TO 15M AND CONTINUED TO OBSERVE AND MARK THE OBJECT'S POSITION. THEY HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN ADJUSTING THEIR NIGHT VISIBILITY FOR LANDING SO AFTER ORBITING MEHRABAD A FEW TIMES THEY WENT OUT FOR A STRAIGHT IN LANDING. THERE WAS A LOT ON INTERFERENCE ON THE UHF AND EACH TIME THEY PASSED THROUGH A MAG, BEARING OF 150 DEGREE FROM EHRABAD THEY LOST THEIR COMMUNICATIONS (UHF AND INTERPHONE) AND THE INS FLUCTUATED

FROM 30 DEGREES- 50 DEGREES. THE ONE CIVIL AIRLINER THAT WAS APPROACHING MEHRABAD DURING THIS SAME TIME EXPERIENCED COMMUNICATION FAILURE IN THE SAME VICINITY (KILO ZULU) BUT DID NOT REPORT SEEING ANYTHING. WHILE THE F-4 WAS ON A LONG FINAL APPROACH THE CREW NOTICED ANOTHER CYLINDER SHAPED OBJECT (ABOUT THE SIZE OF A T-BIRD AT 10M) WITH BRIGHT STEADY LIGHTS ON EACH END AND A FLASHER IN THE MIDDLE. WHEN QUERIED THE TOWER STATED THERE WAS NO OTHER KNOWN TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. DURING THE TIME THAT THE OBJECT PASSED OVER THE F-4 THE TOWER DID NOT HAVE A VISUAL ON IT BUT PICKED IT UP AFTER THE PILOT TOLD THEM TO LOOK BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE REFINERY.

E. DURING DAYLIGHT THE F-4 CREW WAS TAKEN OUT TO THE AREA IN A HELICOPTER WHERE THE OBJECT APPARENTLY HAD LANDED. NOTHING WAS NOTICED AT THE SPOT WHERE THEY THOUGHT THE OBJECT LANDED (A DRY LAKE BED) BUT AS THEY CIRCLED OFF TO THE WEST OF THE AREA THEY PICKED UP A VERY NOTICEABLE BEEPER SIGNAL. AT THE POINT WHERE THE RETURN WAS LOUDEST WAS A SMALL HOUSE WITH A GARDEN. THEY LANDED AND ASKED THE PEOPLE WITHIN IF THEY HAD NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE LAST NIGHT. THE PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT A LOUD NOISE AND A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT

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LIKE LIGHTNING. THE AIRCRAFT AND AREA WHERE THE OBJECT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LANDED ARE BEING CHECKED FOR POSSIBLE RADIATION. RO COMMENTS:  
\*\*\*\* ACTUAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT WAS OBTAINED FROM SOURCE IN CONVERSATION



*WITH A SUB-SOURCE, AND IIAF PILOT OF ONE OF THE F-4S. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.*

*BT*

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The history behind this document and The Black Vault goes back many years. It was the first document I ever received and there are many fascinating stories surrounding it.

For example, it was unclassified. This was very strange for a document of this magnitude to be "unclassified."

Though in the next chapter for the National Security Agency, you will see even more documents on this incident to show that this one was probably edited.

Another strange point about this document is the distribution list of all agencies that received this report. Another rarity for a document like this to make its rounds in the Government, and even made its way directly into the White House.

One hint to reading documents is to look at the distribution list on the first page at the top. This will show you what agencies received this document, and shows the interest level behind it. Since the White House received this report, obviously someone felt it necessary that the President be made aware of the incident. Also included on that list, was the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Agency (NSA), Secretary of State (SECSTATE), and many others.

Just thumb through this page, and flip back a bit to the beginning of the document. Note the distribution list at the top of the page. This will also come in handy while you look at more documents in the book, or in further research projects on your own.

Washington's elite all received this document. Seven years after UFOs were easily explained, this report found it's way to the desks of offices that denied any interest whatsoever.

There were hundreds of pages that came out of the



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DIAs files, and this '1976 Iran Incident' was just one of them. The following are some more that surfaced from the DIA, which are copied word for word. These appear all in capital letters on the actual reports (I put them in normal case for ease of reading):

### **Unidentified Flying Objects over Ghana**

(October 1987 - From Joint Chiefs of Staff)

1. Precise identification of the phenomenon described in your report is not presently possible. However, the patterns, accompanying noise, and colorations reported strongly suggest space debris from atmospheric gridlock.

[ 3 LINES BLACKED OUT ]

3. UFOs remain a concern here, although not heavily publicized, I think some were supposed to show up for the "harmonics convergence" this summer but only Incas could see them.)

### **Unidentified Flying Objects over Ghana - II**

(October 1987 - from Joint Chiefs of Staff)

1. (U) For whatever reason-perhaps extra terrestrial interference-ref msg transmission became garbled.

[ BLACKED OUT ] in this case, space debris from weather, communications, or one of the countless experimental satellites which circle the atmosphere appears to be the most plausible explanation.

[ 2 LINES BLACKED OUT ]

We have nothing further but UFOs are always a terrific subject for cocktail chatter and might lead into other subjects like air defense and surveillance.

3. (U) Happy Halloween. [ BLACKED OUT ]

### **[ BLACKED OUT ] Finland/USSR/Lights in the Sky**

(March 1982 - from Joint Chiefs of Staff)

[ 8 LINES BLACKED OUT ]

Lighted objects in the sky to the east of Finland on the 16th and the 19th of Feb. 82.

[ 2 LINES BLACKED OUT ]

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The first was visible for the whole 5 minutes and made two large counter clockwise circles while making a general progression to the northeast from original position of east-north-east.

[ 2 LINES BLACKED OUT ]

Coincidentally there was a bright star like object that appeared to be exuding gas moving to the north (no other data available). The second incident was

[ 1 LINE BLACKED OUT ]

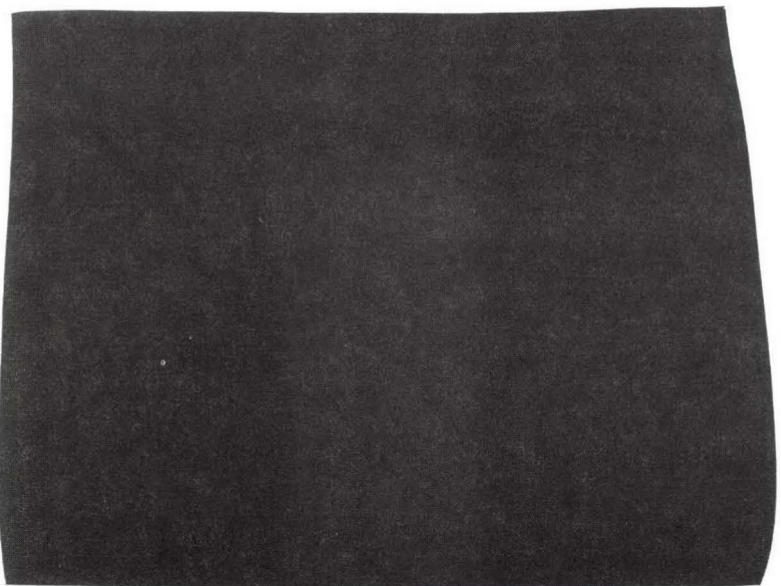
On 19 Feb 82 and also consisted of two events. [ blacked out ] a bright ball of light was seen [ blacked out ] it traveled to the northeast on a slow, flat trajectory and disappeared [ blacked out ] the second incident consisted of two lights following each other.

[ 17 LINES BLACKED OUT ]

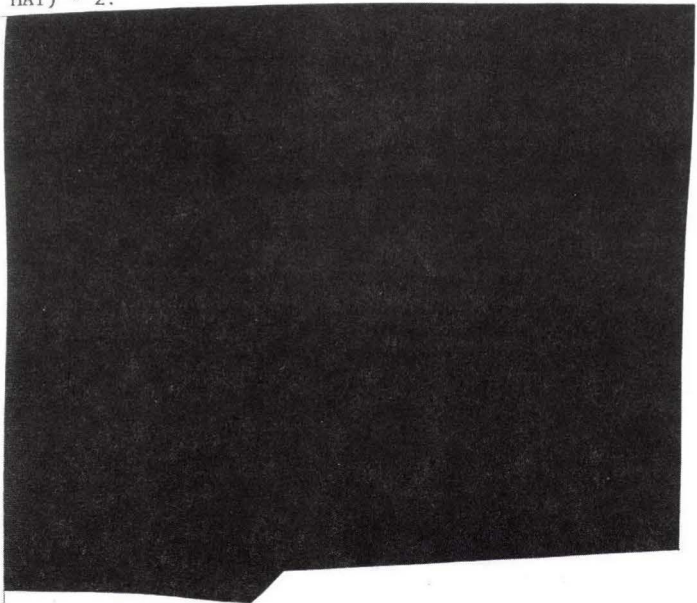


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## Sample Files



E. CHINA UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT RESEARCH  
ORGANIZATION HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BEIJING (14  
MAY) - 2.



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**Fig 7-1:** This page was obtained from the DIA and was from the late 90s, continuing on the trail of contradicting any interest in UFOs. Note: The straight edge of the black paper to save ink.



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SUBJECT: MOON DUST (U)

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정리: 1993년

ACT: DIA-5 FILE-1 (C) MAC/RP

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**Fig 7-3: A secret message from Nepal to Wright Patterson Air Force Base involving Project Moon Dust**

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<p><small>NOTE: This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the espionage laws, Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 793 and 794. The transmission or the revelation of its contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.</small></p>		
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<p><small>This report contains unprocessed information. Plans and/or policies should not be evolved or modified solely on the basis of this report.</small></p>		
(Classification and Control Markings)		
1. COUNTRY: URUGUAY	8. REPORT NUMBER: IR 1 900 0066 65	
2. SUBJECT: (U) A Flying Saucer reportedly seen near COLONIA	9. DATE OF REPORT: 28 Jul 65	
3. ISC NUMBER:	10. NO. OF PAGES: 1	
	11. REFERENCES: [REDACTED]	
4. DATE OF INFORMATION: 8 Jul 65	12. ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]	
5. PLACE AND DATE OF ACO: Montevideo	13. PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]	
6. EVALUATION: SOURCE [REDACTED] INFORMATION [REDACTED]	14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]	
7. SOURCE: Press		
<p>15. SUMMARY:</p> <p>At 23:40 hours, 8 July 65, a "flying saucer" was seen by an estimated 150 people in Colonia. The object was reported to be at 20 to 25 degrees from the horizon and about 3 miles out from the shore. It visibly rotated, changing colors rapidly from white to yellow to orange to green to violet. It remained in sight about 15 minutes, hovering in one place, and then took off to the Southeast at a very rapid velocity.</p> <p>COMMENT: This is only one report of many from this area, of sightings of so-called "flying saucers."</p>		(Leave Blank)
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Fig 7-4: A flying saucer report from Colonia in 1965



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<p>b. About one week later another strange object appeared for about 10 minutes between 2230 and 2300 local hours. This object however was white, and bluish white in appearance and had 4 or 5 appendages (rays of light) which at various times traversed over a nearby lake and around a small mountain at speeds in excess of those which could be expected of an aircraft.</p> <p>c. On 19 June there was a re-occurrence of b. for about 5 minutes between 2230 and 2300 hours local. NOTE THE 19 JUNE DATE.</p> <p>2. The 4 July 1965 edition of Diario Ilustrado, Santiago newspaper contained the following:</p> <p>"Nine members of the base Pedro Aguirre Cerda observed the apparition of a curious celestial body while doing routine meteorological observations for a period of 20 minutes. They followed its maneuvers noting its white luminosity at an angle of 45° seen in the southwest of Deception Island moving northeast-southeast at high speed on an oscillating course. The radiogram adds:</p> <p>'On the 5th Chileans communicated with the English Base--British informed that the day before at 1945 five members of that base saw celestial object in the north moving on a zig-zag course and later stopping from 5-10 minutes, then disappearing at great altitude. It was red, then yellowish, then changing to a green color. The angle was estimated at 20° and of the size of a star of the first magnitude.'</p> <p>"Communique from Argentine Detachment on Deception Island between 1942 and 2044 hours said that 16 persons, among them three Chileans, observed a celestial object in the north of the island going north--northeast at very slow speed with an oscillating course and of changing yellow, green and orange color, leaving a tail at an elevation of 300 of lenticular shape disappearing at altitude in cirrus clouds and whose trajectory was followed by theodolite and powerful field glasses. Corporal Uladislao Duran Martinez, who was with the detachment took 10 dispositive pictures in color through the Theodolite and field glasses.</p> <p>"Same day. Detachment Orcadas of Argentina at 1703 hours. Two meteorological observers saw a celestial object moving at very high speed during a period of 15 seconds with a parabolic trajectory moving from east to west with luminous white color which caused magnetic changes in their geo-magnetic instruments, registering changes notably out of the normal. Between the base mentioned no previous communication existed that could induce a group psychosis of that type of observation--which fact is estimated to be of great interest to interested scientific organizations."</p> <p>3. The 7 July 1965 edition of El Mercurio, Santiago newspaper carried the following:</p> <p>"Eighteen days ago, the base Pedro Aguirre Cerda announced that at 1600 hours on the 18th of June all the personnel of this base saw celestial body of intense luminosity--a star of the first magnitude. It appeared in the east of Deception Island at an elevation of 600 making a turn of 180° to the left and continued on an eastern course. The object previously made a turn to the right heading in a southerly direction. This phenomenon was seen for a period of 40 minutes--meteorological conditions clear, but dark. Strong winds prevented mounting photographic equipment. On Saturday a similar body was seen at a lower altitude of 450. It passed at high velocity and was seen for 20 minutes. At this time it was seen by Chilean, Argentine and British bases in the Antarctic.</p> <p>"The Commander of the Base (Pedro Aguirre Cerda) of the Chilean Air Force, Mario Jahn Barrera explained the phenomenon seen by the members of his base. They saw an object moving at tremendous speeds giving off a blue-green light which caused interference (electro-magnetic) in meteorological equipment</p>		(Leave Blank)
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Fig 7-5: Sample page from a report on UFO sightings from Chile

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located in the Argentine base directly in front of our location.

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"This is the second time in less than a month that we have observed these celestial bodies. The first was on the 13th of June and the last this Saturday at 1920 hours. It was during this last observation when all our group saw this phenomenon while making atmospheric observations. The color of the body was red yellowish changing to green to yellow and to orange. It was at a short distance at an angle of 45° with respect to our position in the extreme north of the island. It later took a zig-zag course. During one of its maneuvers it maintained a stationary position. Rapidly with the apparatus at hand (theodolite and long range binoculars), we observed this body in a stationary position for a period of 20 minutes. During this period Corporal Uladislao Duran Martinez of our group quickly got his camera and took 10 photographs (more or less) which he believes to be perfect. He not only took the pictures directly but he also took them using the theodolite and the long range binoculars. Unluckily, we must wait until March of the coming year in order to develop these pictures. To corroborate my statement I later communicated with the English base. People from this base said that they had observed an object of star of the first magnitude. This communication was made at 2030 hours. The same thing happened with personnel of the Argentine base Orcad. In this case, we were more certain that we were dealing with a strange solid object because their electro-magnetic equipment showed abnormal interference from the moment during which it appeared.

4. The 18 July edition of La Nacion, Santiago newspaper carried the following:

"On 17 July several people in Colonia, Uruguay observed the landing of a flying saucer on a beach. The report stated that the strange object remained on the beach close to two minutes and then continued silently on a vertical flight toward the River de la Plata where it remained suspended in space for several minutes at an altitude of 10 meters, later continuing in horizontal flight calculated at approximately 500 meters.

"The people who viewed the object stated no troops were observed; that it left an "X" on the beach similar to a retractable mechanical foot and that it was reddish in color and difficult to look at due to its luminosity.

"A little later strange objects were sighted flying over Buenos Aires. One of the spectators took a photograph of the objects."

5. The 20 July edition of El Mercurio, Diario Ilustrado and La Nacion carried accounts of a strange object flying in the vicinity of Antofagasta for a period of approximately 25 minutes.

"On 19 July in the Provinces of Tarapace and Antofagasta, Chile, a strange object was observed flying at a high speed ejecting explosions of great force and very loud. The object was first sighted at 1555 and was described to be in the form of a cone with the point to the rear. It was observed by six laborers at the Maria Elena Nitrate Mine."

6. On 23 July 1965 the Diario Ilustrado, Santiago newspaper contained the following:

"On the 20th of July at 0400 in the morning an occupant in a hotel at Chafaral was awakened by a loud noise. He looked out the window and saw an intense red object that had a diameter of approximately 10 to 12 meters land on the sand in the vicinity of the hotel and 4 to 5 minutes thereafter it left with a violent noise and was seen no longer."

Comments of reporting officer: There may be a connection between some of the sightings and the U. S. Space program, e.g. A check with NASA indicates that objects 1965 46D and 1965 46E which were part of the 1965 46A (COSMOS 68) series which was launched on 15 June had a decay date of 19 June 1965.

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Fig 7-6: This is another page from the report on UFO sightings from Chile



## Chapter 8:

# The National Security Agency Files

*"The implications of the UFO phenomenon go far beyond the particular phenomena itself. The human incapacity to objectively process such data indicates a serious weakness in the intelligence community."*

-- NSA Released Document



he National Security Agency (NSA) is one of the most technologically advanced government agencies around. They coordinate and direct highly specialized activities to protect U.S. information systems and produce foreign

intelligence information.

The question arose in my mind whether or not the NSA had documents relating to the UFO phenomenon, and I ended up with much more than I thought.

The NSA was one of my research targets in the beginning month of my research. On September 01, 1996, I filed a request for all UFO documents from the NSA.

The NSA was very helpful with this particular request. They knew I was going after specific UFO records, so they sent me the entire NSA collection of UFO documents. There were a couple of hundred pages in this collection, and I found out rather quickly that the NSA holds quite a history with the UFO phenomenon.

Back in 1979, Peter Gersten, director the Citizen's Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), filed a FOIA request to the NSA for records on UFOs. When it was learned after the request was processed that the NSA still had classified records, CAUS appealed the FOIA case, and requested yet again these records to be declassified.

The NSA then denied the appeal. The next step thereafter is to take the agency to court, and let a judge decide the outcome. This is exactly what CAUS did. A suit was filed by CAUS against the NSA to get the UFO documents released.

These documents were withheld for reasons of "national security" but it was felt by CAUS that these records should be in the public realm.

The judge of the case and the lawyers of the government were given a twenty-one page affidavit classified "Top Secret". Eugene Yeates, the NSA's Director of Policy created this affidavit which explained in partial detail the contents of the withheld 156 documents relating to the UFO phenomenon.

The CAUS organization, including Peter Gersten,

were not shown the affidavit, and therefore left out of the decision making process of the case.

In judgment, the judge presiding agreed that these UFO records should remain shielded from the public. He agreed that the information the pages held was, in fact, a threat to our national security and should not be released.

I received many documents from the NSA initially, and one of those documents was this heavily blacked out, twenty-one page document.

This document has quite a history when dealing with the UFO phenomenon. Yet after the Top Secret affidavit I received, came an unclassified version of the document. This was released to the public which was meant to explain why these UFO records were to remain shrouded in secrecy. This particular document only stretched fourteen pages.

This unclassified version was created during the court case, along with the Top Secret affidavit. The Top Secret version was for the judge, and the public affidavit was given to CAUS and to the public.

The public version gave the history of the NSA, what the documents withheld were, and gave the history of the court case and FOIA requests made by CAUS and Ground Saucer Watch, another active UFO organization at the time.

This court case was brought on to fight legally for special intelligence reports on the subject of UFOs. It was unknown what the documents had on them, though CAUS knew then the documents would be a crucial part in their pursuit of the truth.

The documents withheld were called Communications Intelligence, or COMINT reports. In the public affidavit, it explains a little better about what these reports were:

*"10. These COMINT activities include the targeting of foreign governments' communications both within their borders and to and from communicants abroad involving the use of their own radio transmitter and receiver facilities not available for public use. Such communications links are known as "government net" communications. A foreign government may use other means for sending and receiving international radio communications in addition to our instead*



*of its own government facilities. (International radio communications as used here includes communications passed at least in part by wire.) This involves the foreign government's use of the facilities of an international communications common-carrier which is also available for use by the public. Such common-access carriers supply the means by which more than half the encrypted and plain text radio communications of foreign governments, foreign organizations, and their representatives are carried. "*

Later in this affidavit, the NSA explains why these COMINT reports are not to be released.

*"16. The COMINT reports being withheld from the plaintiff are all based on intercepted foreign communications. The disclosure of these records would identify the communications that had been successfully intercepted and processed for intelligence purposes. No meaningful portion of any of the records could be segregated and released without identifying the communications underlying the communications intelligence report. Also disclosed would be the communications lines, channels, links, and systems targeted and intercepted and NSA's capabilities to successfully process the underlying communications. These communications targets and the processing techniques are current intelligence sources and methods. Disclosing them would permit foreign intelligence officials to draw inferences and make assessments about this nation's COMINT collection and processing activities that would enable them to take counter-measures, as described above, to defeat the capabilities of NSA's intelligence gathering techniques."*

It was quite clear that the documents that were fought so hard for would not ever be released. The "Top Secret" and public affidavits both were one of the first documents I received in the package from the NSA.

An interesting story in just the first thirty-five pages, and it did not stop there. There were still over 130 pages to sift through, and I was not really sure exactly what I would find.

There were many UFO sightings in the package, most of which are all from the Project Blue Book era in the late

1950's. Then I came to a very peculiar document. This was a chronology back in 1978, in which an NSA agent attended a MUFON symposium in Dayton, Ohio.

It appeared by the chronology that the agent wanted to clear his attending this conference with the NSA, just in case there was media attention there, and he was affiliated with the conference somehow. The NSA advised this agent to keep an extremely low profile, but allowed him to attend.

At the conference, the NSA agent (name unknown) saw a lecture, which he felt, needed a bit more investigation. The chronology says the following:

*"Saturday and Sunday, 29-30 July Attended the Mutual UFO Network 1978 UFO Symposium, Dayton Ohio. On Saturday a program was presented by a Mr. Stringfield and as an adjunct he introduced a Mr. Robert Barry. Barry discussed, and showed publicly, two letters he allegedly [ blacked out ] My immediate opinion was that the letters were fraudulent. Sunday I was introduced to Mr. Stringfield and requested copies of the letters. I explained that I felt that the letters were frauds and that I thought I could possibly have them checked out."*

Whatever these letters were, this NSA agent felt he could disprove them. The strange thing about this paragraph, however, is the blacked out words.

Only one little part of this paragraph was blacked out, though you can tell that this part was public knowledge that was talked about at the conference. This told how Mr. Barry allegedly got those letters and was it was told to everyone in the room, yet the NSA felt it a security risk, and blacked it out when they sent the document to me.

After the agent had received these letters, he was going to turn them over to the NSA, and see how they would respond.

Note: Spelling errors in the following paragraph have not been corrected from the NSA document. This is an example that even the government misspells words from time to time.



*"Thursday, 3 August Contacted NSA [blacked out] on the matter of the letters, who inturn referred me to [ blacked out ] requested I provide them with copies of the letters, which I did, wherein they eventually wrote to Mr. Barry explaining that the letters were fraudulent."*

The NSA agent had some suspicions about the validity of these letters, and he expressed them to people in the UFO community at the symposium. This was another strange fact, that the NSA also felt that two of the agents suspicions were a security risk, and blacked them all out. Only one could be read, but still only in part:

*"2) [blacked out] had some involvement because he claimed to know the signer of the letter that Barry received; which later on proved to be a non-existent entity, and he seemed, through secondhand information, to know too many answers to questions about the letters and [blacked out]"*

It appeared the agent did not believe the validity of the documents, though his suspicions, both number one and I must assume a number three, were all blacked out.

I say assume number three, because after number two, there are 3 full lines blacked out, and a partial fourth line. I am assuming this was suspicion number three.

What could possibly be a risk about someone's suspicion that was already stated in a public forum? There was no valid reason that the NSA should black out these statements. However this is another show of the secrecy involved with the UFO phenomenon.

On the 27th of August that same year, the agent recounts a one-hour phone call with a name that was blacked out. However, it appears that Barry, the one who originally had the letters, was the one that made the call.

I felt this was Barry because they talked about the NSA, connections within the NSA, and asked if his employment claims were checked on. The agent said he did no checking on this person, though mentioned his name to his supervisors, probably when the NSA received the letters Barry was holding.

This is another example that sifting through the paper trails of the NSA is one heck of a challenge.

The conversation went on to see if this NSA agent could do some checking for this unknown individual. Not anything covert, but to see what UFO information he could come up with. The agent denied being able to get anything, because he really did not work in a department that would see material like that.

But this unknown individual told the agent, that you could get material declassified, simply by asking for it. The agent recounts in the chronology:

*"All in all he was requesting me to watch out for UFO related information within NSA, which I tend to do on my own, but he was requesting that I pass on what I could. I, all in all, left him with the understanding that I was very limited on what I could do. I have, to some degree, checked on [blacked out] character with some people who have worked with him more closely. There is some thought that he would be capable of being behind the [blacked out] fraud and that he is apt to go to most any length to collect information or to bend facts to fit his needs."*

The agent continues...

*"I personally have some fear that now that he has made contact with me, he may, either privately, or worse, publicly attempt to make it look as if I am an inside contact with NSA for him. Or, on the other hand, he may elude to having such a contact for years, then when he feels it appropriate or when cornered, hope to produce me as that contact."*

The chronology ended with a statement of the agent being able to handle the situation. It appeared this unknown individual was a man who the NSA agent met at the conference, and after, looked this NSA agent up in the phone book.

At first, it is a little unclear of exactly why this chronology was created. Was it because the NSA knew this

agent would be attending this conference? Or was it because this unknown individual was trying to solicit information?

It was not until I got to the end, that I realized it was created due to the agent getting contacted for information. The title of the chronology was, "Information request solicitation."

Next up in the NSA package was a discovery I knew was coming. This was another copy of the four-page document regarding the '1976 Iran Incident.' Remember the distribution list, which was explained in the last chapter. The NSA was listed on this document.

The only thing slightly different about this version was the attachment of an extremely poor photocopy of a "routing and transmittal slip."

These slips told the origin of the document, and very briefly what the document held. It was an extremely hard document to read, however, it I have transcribed what I could read below:

- "a) (Unreadable full line)  
necessary for a valid study of the UFO phenomenon.  
(Unreadable full line)  
(Unreadable full line)  
(Unreadable full line)*
- "b) The credibility of many of the witnesses was high  
(an Air Force General, qualified aircrews, and  
experienced tower operators)*
- c) Visual sightings are confirmed by radar.*
- d) Similar electromagnetic effects (unreadable) were  
reported by three separate aircraft.*
- e) There were physiological effects on some crew  
members (i.e. loss of night vision due to the brightness  
of the object).*
- f) An inordinate amount of maneuver-ability was  
displayed by the UFO's."*

What followed after this transmittal slip was the exact copy of the document that was reproduced in the last chapter, which came from the DIA.

Strangely, also in the NSA package was another document relating to the '1976 Iran Incident.' As stated in the

last chapter, the Iran Incident was considered "unclassified." Though this new report was stamped "secret" and was titled, "Now You See It, Now You Don't" by Captain Henry S. Shields. I wondered exactly why this report was "secret" when it was just relaying a report which was considered "unclassified."

Confused yet? That is okay; it is confusing. The bottom line is I now have two reports about the same incident, one being the original report considered "unclassified" and now this report by a US Air Force Captain considered "secret." There had to be a reason this report was classified "secret" so I started to read.

It recounted the same exact story, but the document had one major difference. The "secret" version had an introduction by Captain Shields, expressing the importance of this incident. Captain Shields states:

*"Sometime in his career, each pilot can expect to encounter strange, unusual happenings which will never be adequately or entirely explained by logic or subsequent investigation. The following article recounts just such an episode as reported by two F-4 Phantom crews of the Imperial Iranian Air Force during late 1976. No additional information or explanation of the strange events has been forthcoming; the story will be filed away and probably forgotten, but it makes interesting, and possibly disturbing, reading."*

This was a major difference between these two reports. Instead of seeing the story recounted from pilots in a foreign military, we are seeing the importance of this event stressed by a United States Air Force Captain. Was this introduction the cause of the "secret" stamp?

Captain Shields was correct in saying the report would be filed away and forgotten. He must have known the secrecy involved with the UFO phenomenon. Though being in the Air Force, it is strange for him to have the feeling that this UFO event is so important, and in his words, "disturbing."

It was seven years after the Air Force proved that

UFOs were nothing more than hallucinations or easily explained earth-based objects. So why would Captain Shields have such a need to put his own comments about this incident on such a report?

The other difference between the two reports, which was rather minor, was the wording. Past that, the documents told generally the same tale. They both ended saying additional tests were being conducted, but no results had been received.

What caused that "secret" stamp to be placed on the Captain Shields report? It must have been Captain Shields' name and comments which caused it; showing an undeniable fact that even an Air Force Captain sees the relevance of such an important event.

Though like many documents obtained by The Black Vault, this along with many others will have to remain a mystery, including the next document as well.

It just so happens that the hardest document to read from the NSA happens to have the most interesting title. On each page, the words "Poor Original" was on the right hand side, showing that there were no clearer copies to be sent.

This document was titled, "Fragment, Metal, Recovered in the Republic of the Congo. Origin Believed to be an Unidentified Flying Object."

The report came complete with pictures and diagrams, but it was incredibly hard to read anything or even see anything. It appeared the incident happened in 1963, which I was hardly able to make out on the first page. Other than irrelevant words here and there, almost the entire document was completely illegible.

Along with the reports explained in this chapter and those from the Project Blue Book era, the NSA also had newspaper clippings in their collection.

This included articles from the New York Times, Frontiers of Science, and the National Enquirer.

"The National Enquirer?"

Yes, it appeared that the article entitled, "Govt.'s Super Secret Security Agency Warns: Take UFOs Seriously or Be Prepared for Sneak Invasion by Space Aliens" was

important enough to be saved and filed into the NSA's collection.

This gives a whole new perspective that maybe those super-market tabloids occasionally do hold some truth!

Many valuable pieces of evidence came from the NSA alone. As you can tell from this chapter, the history with the NSA and the UFO phenomenon is incredibly interesting. Yet the story does not stop with just the first package that was received.

As I continued my research within many branches of the U.S. Government, the NSA was still a target for additional requests. This included subjects like Project Aquarius, MJ-12 and more allegedly "leaked" documents, all yielding no results.

While I was looking for additional documents, and while I was requesting additional information, I was able to finally receive a new package from the NSA with newly released UFO documents. This package contained the one hundred fifty six COMINT documents that have been withheld for so many years.

I eagerly sifted through the hundreds of newly released pages that arrived at my doorstep. I found a never-ending pile of blacked out information, with some pages having only four words on the entire page that were readable. They even went to the trouble to use white out in certain locations, which obviously makes it more difficult to see what they omitted from the documents.

This was in February of 1997, and I knew that I was one of the very first few people that looked at these documents outside of the government itself. This was not only a treat for myself, but a discovery that would aide in every UFO researchers pursuit of the truth.

Though, the COMINT reports weren't the only documents in the package. Also included was a newly redacted Top Secret Affidavit by Eugene Yeates, which was talked about earlier in this chapter. This document was a little less blacked out than the original, but still was very



heavily redacted.

Truly nothing earth shattering was released with this new version though it was showing that the NSA at least attempted to release a little more of their archive.

One thing that was immediately apparent on the affidavit was the revealing of the codeword associated with this subject matter. When documents are classified as "top secret" they have different levels and compartments to that information.

In essence, just because you have a "top secret" clearance, does not mean you can read all "top secret" information.

The designation is usually "Top Secret/Codeword" - codeword being the level or department of classification. In this newly released package, the documents were designated, "Top Secret/Umbra." Umbra being the released codeword associated with the material. Before this release, the codeword itself was still considered classified, and was completely blacked out in the previous version.

The COMINT reports themselves were so redacted, it was difficult to discern exactly what they were saying or reporting. With pages upon pages of blacked out information, the few words that were readable truly explained nothing.

In almost every COMINT report, each time a UFO sighting was reported, the statement "probably balloon" always came after the term UFO. In these intercepted messages, one must ask if the original messages really held that statement of "probably balloon" or if the NSA added that statement to downplay the UFO subject.

Question after question arose with the NSA's connection to the UFO phenomenon. Even with the newly released material, it was still obvious that the UFO subject was one that would remain a heavily guarded secret for quite some time.

As you can tell at this point of the book, the UFO history and the U.S. Government extended for quite some time after the Project Blue Book era. Again, a contradiction to so many statements already given to me, looking at just two government agencies already proves this. There are many

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more to cover, however in the next chapter, I am going to switch gears to show exactly what the present day interest in the UFO phenomenon is.



**National Security Agency**

**Sample Files**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CITIZENS AGAINST UNIDENTIFIED )  
FLYING OBJECTS SECRECY, )

Plaintiff, )  
v. )

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, )

Defendant. )

Civil Action No.  
80-1562

IN CAMERA  
AFFIDAVIT OF EUGENE F. YEATES

County of Anne Arundel )

State of Maryland )

ss:

Eugene F. Yeates, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. (U) I am the Chief, Office of Policy, of the National Security Agency (NSA). As Chief, Office of Policy, I am responsible for processing all initial requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for NSA records. The statements herein are based upon personal knowledge, upon my personal review of information available to me in my official capacity, and upon conclusions reached in accordance therewith.

2. (U) This affidavit supplements my unclassified affidavit executed on September 30, 1980 regarding all documents which have been located by NSA pursuant to plaintiff's FOIA request but which have been withheld wholly or in part by NSA. I submit this affidavit in camera for the purpose of stating facts, which cannot be publicly disclosed, that are the basis for exempting the records from release to the plaintiff.

3. (S) At the beginning of each paragraph of this affidavit, the letter or letters within parentheses designate(s) the degree of sensitivity of information the paragraph contains.

~~TOP SECRET~~

Fig 8-1: The first page of the Top Secret NSA Affidavit

[REDACTED]

(1) Two of the records at issue here were produced  
by [REDACTED] [The  
United States has extremely] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [the report from] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [was provided to NSA] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(2) One hundred and thirteen reports were provided

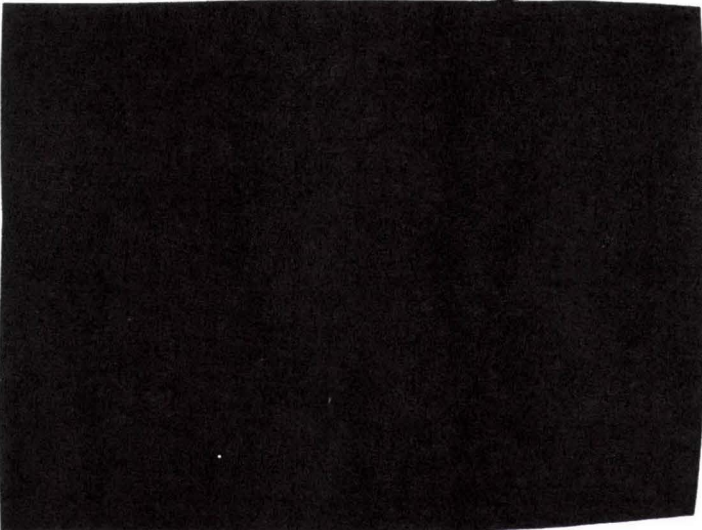
[REDACTED]

b. Two of these COMINT reports originated from  
SIGINT operations which [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Fig 8-2: On the sixth page of the affidavit, you can clearly see the UFO secret explanation is still incredibly Top Secret**

9. (S) NSA-originated reports - Thirty-eight documents are the direct product of NSA SIGINT operations and one document describes classified SIGINT activities. These documents can be further described as follows:

a. The document describing SIGINT operations reports (an alleged intercept of [REDACTED] communications. The factual circumstances of the incident reported in this record were received by NSA from an FOIA requester other than the plaintiff and are considered to be fictitious by NSA analysts.



b. One record is a 1973 report which summarizes (the [REDACTED] text of [REDACTED] message transmitted [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. It makes reference to a purported UFO sighting by [REDACTED]

Fig 8-3: By page ten, the explanation does not get any better. The previous page including this one are all on the second release. This is still present day classified information!

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

c. Twelve NSA-originated COMINT reports target the communications links and systems of [REDACTED]. Two documents, in summary format, report the [REDACTED] communications. Two of the records are in message format and report the [REDACTED] communications which relate that an unidentified flying object was sighted in the air by a [REDACTED] unit. One report contains a summary of [REDACTED] activity based upon communications in reaction to an unidentified flying object along the [REDACTED]. Two documents report on communications transmitted between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who report visual observations of luminous spheres. One report is a summary of a transmission between [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Finally, four documents in this group of twelve were intercepted from other [REDACTED] communications targets. One document is based on the intercepted transmission of a [REDACTED] reporting a bright light. The second record is based on the intercept of a transmission of an [REDACTED] to a [REDACTED] station seeking a report on any shining phenomena or falling meteorites observed on specified dates. The third and fourth reports are a summaries of on-going debates on UFOs among [REDACTED] based on intercepted communications transmitted on [REDACTED] nets.

d. Five of the NSA-originated COMINT reports target government net communications [REDACTED]. All five of these documents are based on intercepted [REDACTED] communications [REDACTED] units and [REDACTED] reporting observations of luminous objects in the sky.

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

Fig 8-4: On page eleven, the affidavit is attempting to explain what the COMINT reports are. With as much black that is here, it is quite difficult to understand.

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74Y MUSH

ZKZK PP [REDACTED] DE

ZEM

~~WHITTEL~~ SECTION SEVEN

THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET SPOKE IN ITS ENTIRETY.  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED

1355-1401, ONE UFO MOVED FROM 75 NAUTICAL MILES EAST  
OF [REDACTED] TOWARD EAST AND FADED NEAR [REDACTED]

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> TOP SECRET CODEWORD <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

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~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

CATEGORY = 488

M = 18

MESSAGE = 83727241

LH 80011 0540631

ZNY FMNSH

ZKZK PP DE

ZEM

THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET SPOKE IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED

~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~

Fig 8-6: Another example of a COMINT report



TOP SECRET  
CATEGORY = 400

M = 9

MESSAGE = 03787232

LN #0006 0530651

ZNY MHHSH

ZKZX PP DE

ZEN

WHITEL SECTION 6 THIS  
MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET SPOKE IN ITS ENTIRETY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
HAS BEEN PROVIDED

6. RADAR TRACKING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO): 0601-1040,  
ONE UFO (PROBABLY A BALLOON) MOVED FROM [REDACTED] TOWARD EAST AND  
PASSED NORTH OF [REDACTED] SOUTH OF [REDACTED]  
ALT 46,000-47,200 FT.

TOP SECRET

Fig 8-7: Notice the usage of 'Probably Balloon' in the UFO explanations in the released COMINT reports.



AF FORM 102  
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

COUNTRY PANAMA		REPORT NO. IR-4-58	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
Unidentified Flying Object Report			
AREA REPORTED ON PANAMA		FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence - CAIRC	
DATE OF REPORT 18 March 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 9-10 March 1958	EVALUATION B-1	
PREPARED BY (Signature) Vernon D. Adams, Capt., USAF		SOURCE Caribbean Command AOC	
REFERENCES (List name, number, date, or other reference, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2			
NOTE: (Leave blank) Summary of report. Give significant in final one sentence paragraph. Use lowercase at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118-Part 11.			
<p>A number of unidentified radar tracks were observed 9-10 March 1958 by search and tracking radar located in the Canal Zone. Two tracks were investigated by aircraft with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Vernon D. Adams VERNON D. ADAMS Capt., USAF Ass't. Director of Intelligence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED BY:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">George Welter GEORGE WELTER Lt Col., USAF Director of Intelligence</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Doc-360 Doc-1 116 Doc-04/94 RETURN TO DOC-72</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1137</p>			
<p>1 WAC #769 (Unc1) 2 G-3 USARCARIB Report (Conf) See page 3-5 3 Log of E-1 Section (Unc1) See pages 6-7 4 Track Reports (Unc1)</p>			
DISCUSSION BY ORIGINATOR			

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U.S.C. 3160 (a) (1) (A) AND (2). ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

8 MAY 1958

16-5800 2 U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (7)

Fig 8-8: UFO report dated 18 March 1956 from Panama

## HOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'TI , )

Captain Henry S. Shields, HQ USAF/INOMP

Sometime in his career, each pilot can expect to encounter strange, unusual happenings which will never be adequately or entirely explained by logic or subsequent investigation. The following article recounts just such an episode as reported by two F-4 Phantom crews of the Imperial Iranian Air Force during late 1976. No additional information or explanation of the strange events has been forthcoming; the story will be filed away and probably forgotten, but it makes interesting, and possibly disturbing, reading.

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Until 0030 on a clear autumn morning, it had been an entirely routine night watch for the Imperial Iranian Air Force's command post in the Tehran area. In quick succession, four calls arrived from one of the city's suburbs reporting a series of strange airborne objects. These Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were described as 'bird-like', or as brightly-lit helicopters (although none were airborne at the time). Unable to convince the callers that they were only seeing stars, a senior officer went outside to see for himself. Observing an object to the north like a star, only larger and brighter, he immediately scrambled an IIAF F-4 to investigate.

Approaching the city, the F-4 pilot reported that the brilliant object was easily visible 70 miles away. When approximately 25 NM distant, the interceptor lost all instrumentation and UHF/Intercom communications. Upon breaking off the intercept and turning towards his home base, all systems returned to normal, as if the strange object no longer regarded the aircraft as a threat.

DECLASSIFY ON: 4 Dec 81  
by: AHS/I HQ USAF

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Fig 8-9: 1976 Iran Incident report with classified statement of Capt. Henry Shields

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# EXPLOITATION REPORT

IRON FRAGMENT, METAL, RECOVERED IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,  
COUNTRY BELIEVED TO BE AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT  
(COUNTRY UNIDENTIFIED) (U)

MIN-21500

## SECTION I. (C) Purpose (U)

1. (C) The purpose of this report is to present the results of the exploitation of a metallic fragment recovered near the town of Kerehane in the Republic of the Congo. The recovery was the result of a ground-level search which was conducted after an unidentified flying object exploded and fell to earth in the area. The sighting and recovery took place sometime between 10 and 15 October 1965.

Other than a reported east-to-west direction of flight for the UFO, specific observation and recovery details are lacking.

## SECTION II. (C) Description (U)

2. (C) Details concerning the exact location and characteristics of impact are unknown. However, the appearance of the fragment indicated exposure to high temperatures prior to impact (melting). The impact of the specimen had little or no effect on its final condition or appearance. The fragment weighed 4.5 lb., had an indefinite density of approximately iron and measured  $2.25 \pm 1.75 \pm 1.0$  inches. The top and side views of the specimen were rounded and appeared to have been shaped by heating and melting. This is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. The T-shaped groove, visible in Figure 1, is the outline of an insect of about the diameter of the neck of the specimen. Figure 3 shows the side view of the end shown in Figure 1.

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NO FURTHER DISSEMINATION

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DECLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

ON 10 FEB 1992

BY GDR/USARISE/SM/FOZ/PO

ADITY Para 1-603 DOD 5200.10

Fig 8-10: A poorly photocopied report with the title, "Metal Fragment Possibly From UFO Recovered in the Belgian Congo"

## Chapter 9:

# The Central Intelligence Agency Files

*"...After 10 years of investigation and evaluation of UFO's,  
no evidence has been discovered to confirm the existence of  
so-called 'Flying Saucers'"*

-- DoD News Release - November 5, 1957



ne of the hardest tasks to undertake while researching was the fight with the CIA for all UFO documents. For literally two and a half years, I had to pursue the truth with the CIA and fight to get UFO documents released.

It all started in a very similar manner to the fight for the NSA material. Back in the late 1970's, a court case filed against the CIA made available almost 1,000 pages of UFO material up to the date of 1979. Since then, this package of material was available for purchase for a price tag of over \$100.

However I knew that documents through the date of 1979 were already investigated and critiqued by many of the researchers in the field. Further investigation proved that UFO documents made after 1979 were still not referenced in any CIA letter, and that's when my quest began.

I filed request after request to the CIA for any UFO documents that were created after the date of 1979, and like a game, the CIA came back to me each time with their form letter on how I can pay for the previously released package. In fact, it was about two years of letter writing, waiting, question asking, etc., before the CIA finally referenced the material I was looking for. The CIA informed me that they were currently reviewing the material from 1979, and they would contact me when their review was done.

Six months later, the review was completed. I received a letter from the CIA informing me that the review was completed, and this new package of UFO material consisted of 2,763 pages of material. Now instead of about \$100 I had to spend, it was going to cost me now almost \$300.

After I was able to raise the money for these documents, I wrote the CIA a check, and yet another waiting game began. After a few more months of waiting, delivered to my doorstep were two large packages from the CIA. What I had fought for finally arrived, well over 2 ½ years since I first tried to get them.

### **The CIA Documents**

The documents that came from the CIA came in two



boxes. The first box I opened up was the previous package of all material on UFOs from the CIA archives. Well over 900 pages, this package consisted of reports that I always wanted to find, but were rare. Post 1969 reports, medium to heavy blacked out, obviously still secret, these were the reports I wanted. Though to reiterate, this package was critiqued by many other investigators, so I did not want to spend much time with them.

Instead, I was going for that second box, which was even bigger. This box was the material that I fought so hard for, and I knew it was material that was not released to anyone else outside the government.

I quickly opened the box, and to my surprise, I found nothing even close to what I wanted.

What was in this newly released material? Not UFO reports like I found in the last box, I found thousands of newspaper article translations.

Newspaper article translations? Yes, all from the date of 1979 to present day, there was not one report in the entire package that looked similar to the package before it. Instead, they were all computer printouts of newspaper article translations.

Without getting too discouraged, I went ahead and backed myself up, and started sifting through all of the material. Let's begin with the first package.

The material started with documents and reports through the Project Blue Book era. Starting with the early 1950's, the CIA held many letters to and from many laboratories, Universities and private citizens.

Many were truly uneventful. For example, some letters were from the CIA to private citizens asking questions regarding the UFO phenomenon. Others would send the CIA material on UFOs such as books and their own essays, to get the CIA's response.

Other letters were much more important, and gave a closer look into how the CIA dealt with the UFO phenomenon through the 1950's.

An example of this was the 1953 report by a secret

CIA panel known as the "Scientific Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects". This report offers surprising ways of debunking UFO reports, and ways to monitor other private organizations involved in investigating UFO reports.

I have decided to include the entire text of the Robertson Panel Report and conclusions, so you can get a better idea of the mindset this CIA panel had:

*SECRET*

**REPORT OF MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY  
PANEL ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS  
CONVENED BY OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE,  
CIA**

*January 14-18, 1953*

*F. C. Durant*

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16 February 1953

### **MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence**

FROM: F. C. Durant

SUBJECT: Report of Meetings of the Office of Scientific Intelligence Scientific Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects, January 14-18, 1953

#### **PURPOSE**

*The purpose of this memorandum is to present:*

- a. A brief history of the meetings of the O/SI Advisory Panel On Unidentified Flying Objects (Part I),*
- b. An unofficial supplement to the official Panel Report to AD/SI setting forth comments and suggestions of the Panel Members which they believed were inappropriate for inclusion in the formal report (Part II).*

#### **PART I: HISTORY OF MEETINGS**

##### **GENERAL**

*After consideration of the subject of "unidentified flying objects" at the 4 December meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, the following action was agreed:*

*"The Director of Central Intelligence will: a. Enlist the services of selected scientists to review and appraise the available evidence in the light of pertinent scientific theories...."*



*Following the delegation of this action to the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence and preliminary investigation,*

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*an Advisory Panel of selected scientists was assembled. In cooperation with the Air Technical Intelligence Center, case histories of reported sightings and related material were made available for their study and consideration.*

*Present at the initial meeting (0930 Wednesday, 14 January) were: Dr. H. P. Robertson, Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, Dr. Thornton Page, Dr. Samuel A. Goudsmit, Mr. Philip G. Strong, Lt. Col. Frederick C. E. Oder (P&E Division), Mr. David B. Stevenson (W&E Division), and the writer. Panel Member, Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, was absent until Friday afternoon. Messrs. Oder and Stevenson were present throughout the sessions to familiarize themselves with the subject, represent the substantive interest of their Divisions, and assist in administrative support of the meetings. (A list of personnel concerned with the meetings is given in Tab A.).*

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING**

*The AD/SI opened the meeting, reviewing CIA interest in the subject and action taken. This review included the mention of the O/SI Study Group of August 1952 (Strong, Eng and Durant) culminating in the briefing of the DCI, the ATIC November 21 briefing, 4 December IAC consideration, visit to ATIC (Chadwell, Robertson and Durant), and O/SI concern over potential dangers to national security indirectly related to these sightings. Mr. Strong enumerated these potential dangers. Following this introduction, Dr. Chadwell turned the meeting over to*

*Dr. Robertson as Chairman of the Panel. Dr. Robertson enumerated the evidence available and requested consideration of specific reports and letters be taken by certain individuals present (Tab B). For example, case histories involving radar or radar and visual sightings were selected for Dr. Alvarez while reports of Green Fireball phenomena, nocturnal lights, and suggested programs of investigation were routed to Dr. Page. Following these remarks, the motion pictures of the sightings at Tremonton, Utah (2 July 1952) and Great Falls, Montana (15 August 1950) were shown. The meeting adjourned at 1200.*

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

*The second meeting of the Panel opened at 1400. Lt. R. S. Neasham, USN, and Mr. Harry Woo of the USN Photo Interpretation Laboratory, Anacostia, presented the results of their analyses of the films mentioned above. This analysis evoked considerable discussion as elaborated upon below. Besides Panel members and CIA personnel, Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Mr. Dewey J. Fournet, Capt. Harry B. Smith (2-a-2), and Dr. Stephen Possony were present.*

*Following the Photo Interpretation Lab presentation, Mr. E. J. Ruppelt spoke for about 40 minutes on ATIC methods of handling and evaluating reports of sightings and their efforts to improve the quality of reports. The meeting was adjourned at 1715.*

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### **THURSDAY MORNING**

*The third and fourth meetings of the Panel were held Thursday, 15 January, commencing at 0900 with a two-hour break for luncheon. Besides Panel members and CIA personnel, Mr. Ruppelt and Dr. Hynek were present for both sessions. In the morning, Mr. Ruppelt continued his briefing on ATIC collection and analysis procedures. The Project*

STORK support at Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, was described by Dr. Hynek. A number of case histories were discussed in detail and a motion picture film of seagulls was shown. A two hour break for lunch was taken at 1200.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

At 1400 hours Lt. Col. Oder gave a 40-minute briefing of Project TWINKLE, the investigatory project conducted by the Air Force Meteorological Research Center at Cambridge, Mass. In this briefing he pointed out the many problems of setting up and manning 24-hour instrumentation watches of patrol cameras searching for sighting of U.F.O.'s.

At 1615 Brig. Gen William M. Garland joined the meeting with AD/SI. General Garland expressed his support of the Panel's efforts and stated three personal opinions:

a. That greater use of Air Force intelligence officers in the field (for follow-up investigation) appeared desirable, but that they required thorough briefing.

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b. That vigorous effort should be made to declassify as many of the reports as possible.

c. That some increase in the ATIC section devoted to U.F.O. analysis was indicated.

This meeting was adjourned at 1700.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

The fifth session of the Panel convened at 0900 with the same personnel present as enumerated for Thursday (with the exception of Brig. Gen. Garland). From 0900-1000 there was general discussion and study of reference material. Also, Dr. Hynek read a prepared paper making certain observations and conclusions. At 1000 Mr. Fournet gave a briefing on his

*fifteen months experience in Washington as Project Officer for U.F.O.'s and his personal conclusions. There was considerable discussion of individual case histories of sightings to which he referred. Following Mr. Fournet's presentation, a number of additional case histories were examined and discussed with Messrs. Fournet, Ruppelt, and Hynek. The meeting adjourned at 1200 for luncheon.*

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

*This session opened at 1400. Besides Panel members and CIA personnel, Dr. Hynek was present. Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, as Panel Member, was present at this meeting for the first time. Progress of the meetings was reviewed by the Panel Chairman and tentative*

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*conclusions reached. A general discussion followed and tentative recommendations considered. It was agreed that the Chairman should draft a report of the Panel to AD/SI that evening for review by the Panel the next morning. The meeting adjourned at 1715.*

**SATURDAY MORNING**

*At 0945 the Chairman opened the seventh session and submitted a rough draft of the Panel Report to the members. This draft had been reviewed and approved earlier by Dr. Berkner. The next two and one-half hours were consumed in discussion and revision of the draft. At 1100 the AD/SI joined the meeting and reported that he had shown and discussed a copy of the initial rough draft to the Director of Intelligence, USAF, whose reaction was favorable. At 1200 the meeting was adjourned.*

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

*At 1400 the eighth and final meeting of the Panel was opened. Discussion and rewording of certain sentences of the Report occupied the first hours. (A copy of the final report is appended as Tab C.) This was followed by a review of work accomplished by the Panel and restatement of individual Panel Member's opinions and suggestions on details that were felt inappropriate for inclusion in the formal report. It was agreed that the writer would incorporate these comments in an internal report to the AD/SI. The material below represents this information.*

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## **PART II: CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS OF PANEL**

### **GENERAL**

*The Panel Members were impressed (as have been others, including OS/I personnel) in the lack of sound data in the great majority of case histories; also, in the lack of speedy follow-up due primarily to the modest size and limited facilities of the ATIC section concerned. Among the case histories of significant sightings discussed in detail were the following:*

*Bellefontaine, Ohio (1 August 1952); Tremonton, Utah (2 July 1952); Great Falls, Montana (15 August 1950) ; Yaak, Montana (1 September 1952); Washington, D.C. area (19 July 1952); and Haneda A.F.B., Japan (5 August 1952) ; Port Huron, Michigan (29 July 1952); and Presque Isle, Maine (10 October 1952).*

*After review and discussion of these cases (and about 15 others, in less detail), the Panel concluded that reasonable explanations could be suggested for most sightings and "by deduction and scientific method it could be induced (given additional data) that other cases might be explained in a similar manner." The Panel pointed out that because of the brevity of some sightings (e.g. 2-3 seconds) and the inability of the witnesses to express themselves clearly (sometimes)*

*that conclusive explanations could not be expected for every case reported. Furthermore, it was considered that, normally, it would be a great waste of effort to try to solve most of the sightings, unless such action would benefit a training and educational program (see below). The writings of Charles Fort were referenced to show*

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*that "strange things in the sky" had been recorded for hundreds of years. It appeared obvious that there was no single explanation for a majority of the things seen. The presence of radar and astronomical specialists on the Panel proved of value at once in their confident recognition of phenomena related to their fields. It was apparent that specialists in such additional fields as psychology, meteorology, aerodynamics, ornithology and military air operations would extend the ability of the Panel to recognize many more categories of little-known phenomena.*

#### **ON LACK OF DANGER**

*The Panel concluded unanimously that there was no evidence of a direct threat to national security in the objects sighted. Instances of "Foo Fighters" were cited. These were unexplained phenomena sighted by aircraft pilots during World War II in both European and Far East theaters of operation wherein "balls of light" would fly near or with the aircraft and maneuver rapidly. They were believed to be electrostatic (similar to St. Elmo's fire) or electro-magnetic phenomena or possibly light reflections from ice crystals in the air, but their exact cause or nature was never defined. Both Robertson and Alvares had been concerned in the investigation of these phenomena, but David T. Griggs (Professor of Geophysics at the University of California at Los Angeles) is believed to have been the most knowledgeable person on this subject. If the term "flying saucers" had been popular in 1943-1945, these objects would*

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have been so labeled. It was interesting that in at least two cases reviewed that the object sighted was categorized by Robertson and Alvarez as probably "Foo Fighters", to date unexplained but not dangerous; they were not happy thus to dismiss the sightings by calling them names. It was their feeling that these phenomena are not beyond the domain of present knowledge of physical sciences, however.

### **AIR FORCE REPORTING SYSTEM**

It was the Panel's opinion that some of the Air Force concern over U.F.O.'s (notwithstanding Air Defense Command anxiety over fast radar tracks) was probably caused by public pressure. The result today is that the Air Force has instituted a fine channel for receiving reports of nearly anything anyone sees in the sky and fails to understand. This has been particularly encouraged in popular articles on this and other subjects, such as space travel and science fiction. The result is the mass receipt of low-grade reports which tend to overload channels of communication with material quite irrelevant to hostile objects that might some day appear. The Panel agreed generally that this mass of poor-quality reports containing little, if any, scientific data was of no value. Quite the opposite, it was possibly dangerous in having a military service foster public concern in "nocturnal meandering lights." The implication being, since the interested agency was military, that these objects were or might be potential direct threats to national security. Accordingly, the need for deemphasization made itself apparent. Comments on a possible educational program are enumerated below.

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It was the opinion of Dr. Robertson that the "saucer" problem had been found to be different in nature from the detection



and investigation of German V-1 and V-2 guided missiles prior to their operational use in World War II. In this 1943-1944 intelligence operation (CROSSBOW), there was excellent intelligence and by June 1944 there was material evidence of the existence of "hardware" obtained from crashed vehicles in Sweden. This evidence gave the investigating team a basis upon which to operate. The absence of any "hardware" resulting from unexplained U.F.O. sightings lends a "will- of- the wisp) nature to the ATIC problem. The results of their investigation, to date, strongly indicate that no evidence of hostile act or danger exists. Furthermore, the current reporting system would have little value in the case of detection of enemy attack by conventional aircraft or guided missiles; under such conditions "hardware" would be available almost at once.

### **ARTIFACTS OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL ORIGIN**

*It was interesting to note that none of the members of the Panel were loath to accept that this earth might be visited by extraterrestrial intelligent beings of some sort, some day. What they did not find was any evidence that related the objects sighted to space travelers. Mr. Fournet, in his presentation, showed how he had eliminated each of the known and probable causes of sightings leaving him "extra-terrestrial" as the only one remaining in many cases. Fournet's background as an aeronautical engineer and technical intelligence*

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*officer (Project Officer, BLUEBOOK for 15 months) could not be slighted. However, the Panel could not accept any of the cases cited by him because they were raw, unevaluated reports. Terrestrial explanations of the sightings were suggested in some cases and in others the time of sighting was so short as to cause suspicion of visual impressions. It was noted by Dr. Goudsmit and others that extraterrestrial artifacts, if they did exist, are no cause for alarm; rather, they are in the realm of natural phenomena subject to scientific*



*study, just as cosmic rays were at the time of their discovery 20 to 30 years ago. This was an attitude in which Dr. Robertson did not concur, as he felt that such artifacts would be of immediate and great concern not only to the U.S. but to all countries. (Nothing like a common threat to unite peoples! ) Dr. Page noted that present astronomical knowledge of the solar system makes the existence of intelligent beings (as we know the term) elsewhere than on the earth extremely unlikely, and the concentration of their attention by any controllable means confined to any one continent of the earth quite preposterous.*

#### TREMONTON, UTAH, SIGHTING

*This case was considered significant because of the excellent documentary evidence in the form of Kodachrome motion picture films (about 1600 frames). The Panel studied these films, the case history, ATIC's interpretation, and received a briefing by representatives of the USN Photo Interpretation Laboratory on their analysis of the film. This team had expended (at Air Force request) approximately*

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*1000 man hours of professional and sub-professional time in the preparation of graph plots of individual frames of the film, showing apparent and relative motion of objects and variation in their light intensity. It was the opinion of the P.I.L. representatives that the objects sighted were not birds, balloons or aircraft, were "not reflections because there was no blinking while passing through 60 degrees of arc" and were, therefore, "self-luminous." Plots of motion and variation in light intensity of the objects were displayed. While the Panel Members were impressed by the evident enthusiasm, industry and extent of effort of the P.I.L. team, they could not accept the conclusions reached. Some of the reasons for this were as follows:*

*a. A semi-spherical object can readily produce a reflection of sunlight without "blinking" through 60 degrees of arc travel.*

b. Although no data was available on the "albedo" of birds or polyethylene balloons in bright sunlight, the apparent motions, sizes and brightnesses of the objects were considered strongly to suggest birds, particularly after the Panel viewed a short film showing high reflectivity of seagulls in bright sunlight.

c. P.I.L. description of the objects sighted as "circular, bluish-white" in color would be expected in cases of specular reflections of sunlight from convex surfaces where the brilliance of the reflection would obscure other portions of the object.

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d. Objects in the Great Falls case were believed to have probably been aircraft, and the bright lights such reflections.

e. There was no valid reason for the attempt to relate the objects in the Tremonton sighting to those in the Great Falls sighting. This may have been due to misunderstandings in their directive. The objects in the Great Falls sighting are strongly suspected of being reflections of aircraft known to have been in the area.

f. The intensity change in the Tremonton lights was too great for acceptance of the P.I.L. hypothesis that the apparent motion and changing intensity of the lights indicated extremely high speed in small orbital paths.

g. Apparent lack of guidance of investigators by those familiar with U.F.O. reports and explanations.

h. Analysis of light intensity of objects made from duplicate rather than original film. The original film was noted to have a much lighter background (affecting relative brightness of object) and the objects appeared much less bright.

i. Method of obtaining data of light intensity appeared faulty

*because of unsuitability of equipment and questionable assumptions in making averages of readings.*

*j. No data had been obtained on the sensitivity of Kodachrome film to light of various intensities using the same camera type at the same lens openings.*

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*k. Hand "jitter" frequencies (obtainable from early part of Tremonton film) were not removed from the plots of the "single pass plots" at the end of the film.*

*The Panel believed strongly that the data available on this sighting was sufficient for positive identification if further data is obtained by photographing polyethylene "pillow" balloons released near the site under similar weather conditions, checking bird flight and reflection characteristics with competent ornithologists and calculating apparent "G" forces acting upon objects from their apparent tracks. It was concluded that the results of such tests would probably lead to creditable explanations of value in an educational or training program. However, the Panel noted that the cost in technical manpower effort required to follow up and explain every one of the thousand or more reports received through channels each year (1,900 in 1952) could not be justified. It was felt that there will always be sightings, for which complete data is lacking, that can only be explained with disproportionate effort and with a long time delay, if at all. The long delay in explaining a sighting tends to eliminate any intelligence value. The educational or training program should have as a major purpose the elimination of popular feeling that every sighting, no matter how poor the data, must be explained in detail. Attention should be directed to the requirement among scientists that a new phenomena, to be accepted, must be completely and convincingly documented. In other words, the burden of proof is on the sighter, not the explainer.*

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**POTENTIAL RELATED DANGERS**

*The Panel Members were in agreement with O/SI opinion that, although evidence of any direct threat from these sightings was wholly lacking, related dangers might well exist resulting from:*

- a. Misidentification of actual enemy artifacts by defense personnel.*
- b. Overloading of emergency reporting channels with "false" information ("noise to signal ratio" analogy -- Berkner).*
- c. Subjectivity of public to mass hysteria and greater vulnerability to possible enemy psychological warfare.*

*Although not the concern of CIA, the first two of these problems may seriously affect the Air Defense intelligence system, and should be studied by experts, possibly under ADC. If U.F.O.'s become discredited in a reaction to the "flying saucer" scare, or if reporting channels are saturated with false and poorly documented reports, our capability of detecting hostile activity will be reduced. Dr. Page noted that more competent screening or filtering of reported sightings at or near the source is required, and that this can best be accomplished by an educational program.*

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED SIGHTINGS**

*The map prepared by ATIC showing geographic locations of officially reported unexplained sightings (1952 only) was examined by the Panel. This map showed clusters in certain strategic areas such as Los Alamos. This might be explained on the basis of 24-hour watchful guard and*

awareness of security measures near such locations. On the other hand, there had been no sightings in the vicinity of sensitive related AE establishments while there were occasionally multiple cases of unexplained sightings in non-strategic areas. Furthermore, there appeared to be no logical relationship to population centers. The Panel could find no ready explanation for these clusters. It was noted, however, that if terrestrial artifacts were to be observed it would be likely that they would be seen first near foreign areas rather than central U. S.

### **INSTRUMENTATION TO OBTAIN DATA**

The Panel was of the opinion that the present ATIC program to place 100 inexpensive 35 mm. stereo cameras in the hands of various airport control tower operators would probably produce little valuable data related to U.F.O.'s. However, it was recognized that such action would tend to allay public concern in the subject until an educational program had taken effect. It was believed that procurement of these cameras was partly the result of public pressure in July 1952. With the poor results of the year-long Project TWINKLE program of 24-hours instrumentation watch (two frames of film showing nothing distinguishable), a widespread program of sky-watching would not be expected to yield much direct data of value.

There was considerable discussion of a possible "sky patrol" by amateur astronomers (Hynek) and by wide-angle cameras (Page). Dr. Page and Dr. Robertson pointed out that at present a considerable fraction

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of the sky is now -- and has been for many years -- under surveillance every clear night in several meteor and aurora observing programs as well as sky mapping programs at the various locations listed below. Although the attention of these astronomers is largely directed toward identified rather than

*unidentified objects, no case of any striking unidentified object is known to Dr. Page or Dr. Hynek. Such an object would most certainly be reported if found on patrol plates.*

*A case was cited where an astronomer refused to interrupt his exposure in order to photograph an alleged sighting in a different part of the sky. This led Dr. Hynek to say that, if a program of watching could be an adjunct of planned astronomical programs, little cost would be involved and that the trained astronomical personnel might photograph a sighting of an unidentified object.*

*The location of some of these programs and their directors are believed to be:*

- a. Harvard University, Cambridge and New Mexico (meteor patrol)-Whipple.*
- b. Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago and Fort Davis, Texas (several programs) -- Meinel (auroras), Kuiper (asteroids), Morgan (wide angle camera).*
- c. University of Alaska, Fairbanks (aurorae) -- Elvey*
- d. Dominion Observatory, Ottawa (meteors) -- Millman*
- e. Palomar Observatory, California (sky map) -- Minkowski*
- f. Lick Observatory, California (sky map) -- Shane*

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*It was agreed by the Panel that no government-sponsored program of optical nation-wide sky patrol is worthwhile at the present time, and that the encouragement of amateur astronomers to undertake such a program might have the adverse effect of over-emphasizing "flying saucer" stories in the public mind. However, the issue of radar scope cameras for recording peculiar radar echoes would serve several purposes, including the better understanding of radar*



*interference as well as identification of U.F.O.'s.*

### **RADAR PROBLEM OF MUTUAL INTERFERENCE**

*This characteristic problem of radar operation wherein the pulse signal (of approximately the same frequency) from station A may be picked up on the screen of station B and show as a high-speed track or series of dots was recognized to have probably caused a number of U.F.O. reports. This problem was underlined by information received indicating ADC concern in solving this problem of signal identification before service use of very high-speed aircraft or guided missiles (1955-1956). Dr. Berkner believed that one answer to this problem was the use of a "doppler filter" in the receiving circuit. Dr. Alvarez suggested that the problem might be better solved by the use of a "controlled jitter" wherein the operator receiving "very fast tracks" (on the order of 1000-10,000 m.p.h.) would operate a circuit which would alter slightly his station's pulse frequency rate. If the signal received on the screen had been caused by mutual interference with another station, the track would now show itself at a different distance*

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*from the center of the screen, if it still appeared at all. Dr. Alvarez felt such a technical solution was simpler and would cost much less than a "doppler filter."*

### **UNEXPLAINED COSMIC RAY PHENOMENA**

*Two reported cases were examined: one at Palomar Mountain, California, in October 1949, when cosmic ray counters went "off scale for a few seconds," apparently while a "V" of flying saucers was observed visually; and two, a series of observations by the "Los Alamos Bird Watchers Association" from August 1950 to January 1951, when cosmic ray coincidence counters behaved queerly. Circuit diagrams and records were available for the latter, and Dr. Alvarez was*

able quickly to point out that the recorded data were undoubtedly due to instrumental effects that would have been recognized as such by more experienced observers.

*The implication that radioactive effects were correlated with unidentified flying objects in these two cases was, therefore, rejected by the Panel.*

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

*The Panel's concept of a broad educational program integrating efforts of all concerned agencies was that it should have two major aims: training and "debunking."*

*The training aim would result in proper recognition of unusually illuminated objects (e.g., balloons, aircraft reflections) as well as natural phenomena (meteors, fireballs, mirages, noctilucent clouds). Both visual and radar recognition are concerned. There would be many*

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*levels in such education from enlisted personnel to command and research personnel. Relative emphasis and degree of explanation of different programs would correspond to the categories of duty (e.g., radar operators; pilots; control tower operators; Ground Observer Corps personnel; and officers and enlisted men in other categories). This training should result in a marked reduction in reports caused by misidentification and resultant confusion.*

*The "debunking" aim would result in reduction in public interest in "flying saucers" which today evokes a strong psychological reaction. This education could be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles. Basis of such education would be actual case histories which had been puzzling at first but later explained. As in the case of conjuring tricks, there is much less stimulation if the "secret" is known. Such a program should*



tend to reduce the current gullibility of the public and consequently their susceptibility to clever hostile propaganda. The Panel noted that the general absence of Russian propaganda based on a subject with so many obvious possibilities for exploitation might indicate a possible Russian official policy.

Members of the Panel had various suggestions related to the planning of such an educational program. It was felt strongly that psychologists familiar with mass psychology should advise on the nature and extent of the program. In this connection, Dr. Hadley Cantril (Princeton University) was suggested. Cantril authored "Invasion from

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Mars," (a study in the psychology of panic, written about the famous Orson Welles radio broadcast in 1938) and has since performed advanced laboratory studies in the field of perception. The names of Don Marquis (University of Michigan) and Leo Roston were mentioned as possibly suitable as consultant psychologists. Also, someone familiar with mass communications techniques, perhaps an advertising expert, would be helpful. Arthur Godfrey was mentioned as possibly a valuable channel of communication reaching a mass audience of certain levels. Dr. Berkner suggested the U. S. Navy (ONR) Special Devices Center, Sands Point, L. I., as a potentially valuable organization to assist in such an educational program. The teaching techniques used by this agency for aircraft identification during the past war was cited as an example of a similar educational task. The Jam Handy Co. which made World War II training films (motion picture and slide strips) was also suggested, as well as Walt Disney, Inc. animated cartoons. Dr. Hynek suggested that the amateur astronomers in the U.S. might be a potential source of enthusiastic talent "to spread the gospel." It was believed that business clubs, high schools, colleges, and television stations would all be pleased to cooperate in the showing of documentary type motion pictures if prepared in an interesting manner. The use of true cases

showing first the "mystery" and then the "explanation" would be forceful.

To plan and execute such a program, the Panel believed was no mean task. The current investigatory group at ATIC would, of necessity, have to be closely integrated for support with respect to not only the

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historical cases but the current ones. Recent cases are probably much more susceptible to explanation than older ones; first, because of ATIC's experience and, secondly, their knowledge of most plausible explanations. The Panel believed that some expansion of the ATIC effort would certainly be required to support such a program. It was believed inappropriate to state exactly how large a Table of Organization would be required. Captain Ruppelt of ATIC unofficially proposed, for purposes of analyzing and evaluating reports:

- a. An analysts' panel of four officers
- b. Four officer investigators
- c. A briefing officer
- d. An ADC liaison officer
- e. A weather and balloon data officer
- f. An astronomical consultant
- g. A group Leader, with administrative assistant, file clerks and stenographers.

This proposal met with generally favorable comment. The Panel believed that, with ATIC's support, the educational program of "training and debunking" outlined above might be required for a minimum of one and one-half to two years. At

*the end of this time, the dangers related to "flying saucers" should have been greatly reduced if not eliminated. Cooperation from other military services and agencies concerned (e.g., Federal Civil Defense Administration) would be a necessity. In investigating significant cases (such as the Tremonton, Utah, sighting controlled experiments might be required. An example*

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*would be the photographing of "pillow balloons" at different distances under similar weather conditions at the site.*

*The help of one or two psychologists and writers and a subcontractor to produce training films would be necessary in addition. The Panel considered that ATIC's efforts, temporarily expanded as necessary, could be most useful in implementing any action taken as a result of its recommendations. Experience and records in ATIC would be of value in both the public educational and service training program envisaged. Dr. Robertson at least was of the opinion that after public gullibility lessened and the service organizations, such as ADC, had been trained to sift out the more readily explained spurious sightings, there would still be a role for a very modest-sized ATIC section to cope with the residuum of items of possible scientific intelligence value. This section should concentrate on energetically following up (perhaps on the advice of qualified Air Force Scientific Advisory Board members) those cases which seemed to indicate the evidence of unconventional enemy artifacts. Reports of such artifacts would be expected to arise mainly from Western outposts in far closer proximity to the Iron Curtain than Lubbock, Texas!*

### **UNOFFICIAL INVESTIGATING GROUPS**

*The Panel took cognizance of the existence of such groups as the "Civilian Flying Saucer Investigators" (Los Angeles) and the "Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (Wisconsin). It was believed that such organizations should be watched*

*because of their potentially*

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*great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind.*

### **INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS**

*The consensus of the Panel was, based upon the history of the subject, that the number of sightings could be reasonably expected to increase again this summer.*

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### **TAB A**

### **REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS**

*1. Pursuant to the request of the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, the undersigned Panel of Scientific Consultants has met to evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by Unidentified Flying Objects ("Flying Saucers"), and to make recommendations thereon. The Panel has received the evidence as presented by cognizant intelligence agencies, primarily the Air Technical Intelligence Center, and has reviewed a selection of the best documented incidents.*

*2. As a result of its considerations, the Panel concludes:*

*a. That the evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security.*

*We firmly believe that there is no residuum of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicates a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.*

3. *The Panel further concludes:*

*a. That the continued emphasis on the reporting of these phenomena does, in these perilous times, result in a threat to the orderly functioning of the protective organs of the body politic.*

*We cite as examples the clogging of channels of communication by irrelevant reports, the danger of being led by continued false alarms to ignore real*

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*indications of hostile action, and the cultivation of a morbid national psychology in which skillful hostile propaganda could induce hysterical behavior and harmful distrust of duty constituted authority.*

*4. In order most effectively to strengthen the national facilities for the timely recognition and the appropriate handling of true indications of hostile action, and to minimize the concomitant dangers alluded to above, the Panel recommends:*

*a. That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired;*

*b. That the national security agencies institute policies on intelligence, training, and public education designed to prepare the material defenses and the morale of the country to recognize most promptly and to react most effectively to true indications of hostile intent or action.*

*We suggest that these aims may be achieved by an integrated*

*program designed to reassure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomenon, to train personnel to recognize and reject false indications quickly and effectively, and to strengthen regular channels for the evaluation of and prompt reaction to true indications of hostile measures.*

*/s/ Lloyd V. Berkner  
Associated Universities, Inc.*

*/s/ H.P. Robertson, Chairman  
California Institute of Technology*

*/s/ S. A. Goudsmit  
Brookhaven National Laboratories*

*/s/ Luis W. Alvarez  
University of California*

*/s/ Thornton Page  
Johns Hopkins University*

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**TAB B****SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL ON UNIDENTIFIED  
FLYING OBJECTS**

*14 - 17 January 1953*

**EVIDENCE PRESENTED**

- 1. Seventy-five case histories of sightings 1951-1952 (selected by ATIC as those best documented).*
- 2. ATIC Status and Progress Reports of Project GRUDGE and Project BLUE BOOK (code names for ATIC study of subject).*
- 3. Progress Reports of Project STORK (code name for Battelle Memorial Institute contract work supporting ATIC).*



4. *Summary Report of Sightings at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.*
  5. *Report of USAF Research Center, Cambridge, Mass., Investigation of "Green Fireball" Phenomena (Project TWINKLE).*
  6. *Outline of Investigation of U.F.O.'s Proposed by Kirtland Air Force Base (Project POUNCE).*
  7. *Motion Picture Films of sightings at Tremonton, Utah, 2 July 1952 and Great Falls, Montana, August 1950.*
  8. *Summary Report of 89 selected cases of sightings of various categories (Formations, Blinking Lights, Hovering, etc.).*
  9. *Draft of manual: "How to Make a FLYOBRPT," prepared at ATIC.*
  10. *Chart Showing Plot of Geographic Location of Unexplained Sightings in the United States during 1952.*
  11. *Chart Showing Balloon Launching Sites in the United States.*
  12. *Charts Showing Selected Actual Balloon Flight Paths and Relation to Reported Sightings.*
  13. *Charts Showing Frequency of Reports of Sightings, 1948-1952.*
  14. *Charts Showing Categories of Explanations of Sightings.*
  15. *Kodachrome Transparencies of Polyethylene Film Balloons in Bright Sunlight Showing High Reflectivity.*
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16. *Motion picture of seagulls in bright sunlight showing high reflectivity.*

*17. Intelligence Reports Relating to U.S.S.R. Interest in U.S. Sightings.*

*18. Samples of Official USAF Reporting Forms and Copies of Pertinent Air Force, Army and Navy Orders Relating to Subject.*

*19. Sample Polyethylene "Pillow" Balloon (54 inches square).*

*20. "Variations in Radar Coverage," JANP 101 (Manual illustrating unusual operating characteristics of Service radar).*

*21. Miscellaneous official letters and foreign intelligence reports dealing with subject.*

*22. Copies of popular published works dealing with subject (articles in periodicals, newspaper clippings and books).*

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## **TAB C**

### **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS**

*14 - 17 January 1953*

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As you can tell by the Robertson Panel report, there is a lot of history regarding the UFO phenomenon, and the CIA. Though it did not end there. Along in the package of previously released material, you can find heavily blacked out UFO reports as well.

This now brings us to another strange part of this twisted tale of conspiracies. If the Robertson Panel concluded that UFO sightings did not truly affect our nation's



national security, then why did pages from their own archives appear completely blacked out (see next page)?

Many other blacked out pages appeared in this package as well, but let me now discuss the newly released material.

As stated in the beginning of this chapter, the newly released CIA UFO material were simply newspaper article translations. This was extremely bizarre, because of what I just discussed, and these newly released computer printouts. Let me explain.

When the CIA first released their UFO records, it was due to a FOIA request / appeal that forced the CIA to release them. This document release was not planned by the CIA.

After this date in 1979, the CIA addressed not one page of material in their archives. Instead, they simply sold the previously released package to requesters, and they never handled anything relating to documents after 1979.

When I began researching with the CIA, I knew this fact, which is why I fought so hard for the records from the past 25 years, since the CIA would never address them.

After the dust settled, and a small victory went to The Black Vault and it's research, all that was to be found were these translated newspaper articles.

This is where I hope it does not get confusing, but does it make sense that the CIA stopped collecting UFO reports, stopped drafting letters and corresponding with citizens, and completely stopped archiving UFO material other than these newspaper articles, the same exact year that a FOIA requester demanded the release of records?

Maybe a different way to ask this question would be to ask if it seemed more plausible that the CIA was only trying to comply with my years of research, by saying they released every UFO report they had. It appeared to me, and by the evidence, that the CIA only punched in one term to a computer database, "Unidentified Flying Object" and printed out everything that came up.

Let me explain why I feel this way. When perusing the documents released from the 1979 date to present, you see

computerized text with one word and 1 phrase in **BOLD**. This shows me that this was the key term searched for in a computer database, and the computer released all documents that came up.

This resulted in a few thousand pages of newspaper articles, up to the present day. Yet what was strange, was it took over two years for the CIA to do this. It takes but 20 seconds to search a database, and maybe a day of printing. There should be no review of the documents, since they were all public domain newspapers, so why the HUGE delay in getting these documents out?

From the above example, this is why I feel the CIA simply searched a separate newspaper database, spit out the pages, all to say they complied with my request, and for me to leave them alone.

With that theory out of the way, let me address the more interesting documents (the few there were). Most of the translated articles were from Russia and China. One interesting translated article was about a UFO sighting around the MIR space station, when it was still in space (see next page). On May 21, 1991, a Russian cosmonaut with his camera pointed out the window, filmed a UFO that came up into the sight of his camera. The report ends with the following statement, "Well, we will have to wait for further reports. The fact is quite interesting indeed, and perhaps, fairly alarming."

Translated articles such as these proved only one thing. The fact that the CIA still, after all of these years, actively collected UFO reports, records and newspaper article, but for what reason?

I always ask one question that can never be answered. Why does the American public pay the tax dollars to house these documents, pay the tax dollars to write a pay check to the translators, and pay the tax dollars to collect this information all together, on a subject our government has absolutely no interest in?

<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>ORGANIZATION</i>	<i>FIELD OF COMPETENCY</i>
<i>Dr. H.P. Robertson</i>	California Institute	Physics, weapons of technology systems (Chairman)
Dr. Luis W. Alvarez	University of California	Physics, radar
Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner	Associated Universities, Inc.	Geophysics
Dr. Samuel Goudsmit	Brookhaven National Laboratories	Atomic structure, statistical problems
Dr. Thornton Page	Office of Research Operations, Johns Hopkins University	Astronomy, Astrophysics
<i>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</i>		
Dr. J. Allen Hynek	Ohio State University	Astronomy
Mr. Frederick C. Durant	Arthur D. Little, Inc.	Rockets, guided missiles

<i>INTERVIEWEES</i>		
Brig. Gen. William N. Garland	Commanding General, ATIC	Scientific and technical intelligence
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# Central Intelligence Agency

## Sample Files

**Intelligence Information Report**



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**COUNTRY** USSR

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**SUBJECT**

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**SOURCE**

**REPORT NO.** PM 5-311/01031

**DATE DISTR** 26 December 1977

**FIELD NO.**

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**Fig 9-1: As you can tell from this page, the CIA felt this report to be extremely classified, and simply blacked out the entire page**

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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED Status: [STAT]  
Document Date: 21 May 91 Category: [CAT]  
Report Type: Daily Report Report Date:  
Report Number: FBIS-SOV-91-099 UDC Number:

Headline: Object Seen Floating Around Mir

Source Line: LD2105203291 Moscow Central Television First Program  
Network in Russian 1800 GMT 21 May 91

Subslug: [From the 'Vremya' newscast]

FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. [From the 'Vremya' newscast]
2. [Excerpts] The flight of the Soviet-British crew onboard the Mir station is continuing. There are already primary results from the joint work. Not all of them, however, can be unequivocally interpreted. Our correspondent reports:
3. [Begin recording] [Correspondent P. Orlov] [passage omitted] Yesterday evening, during the late communication session, a strange object was filmed. You can see it, there, at the very center of the screen. [Video shows the Mir station in space and a phosphorescent object hovering around it]
4. If it is a UFO, so be it. But Musa Manarov, who was filming the craft during docking with the station, has doubts, saying that he saw how that thing was coming off the craft. Of course, there is nothing cheerful in the fact that an object of quite a considerable size is flying around the station, even if it is not a part of the Soyuz cargo craft.
5. [Orlov] Let us recall that Helen Sharman is the first woman on board the Mir station, something to make seamen envious. Joking aside, it is still not clear what it is that is accompanying the station. [end recording]
6. Well, we will wait for further reports. The fact is quite interesting indeed, and perhaps, fairly alarming.

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Fig 9-2: This is the entire translation of the UFO  
seen around the MIR on 21 May 1991



This is a report of a sighting of an unidentified flying object. The report was prepared by members of the UFO Research Committee of Akron, Ohio. Information for the report was obtained from interviews with the witnesses and personal investigation into other aspects of the case by members of the Committee.

The following is a description by the witness, Mrs. William Fitzgerald, 934 East Drive, Sheffield Lake, Ohio:

On the morning of September 21, 1958, at approximately 3 a.m. local time, I had just gone to bed after watching the late movie on television. I was lying in bed with my arm over my eyes, trying to get to sleep when I sensed that the room was illuminated. Opening my eyes, I saw that the room was as light as it gets at any time during the day.

The window curtains were drawn, and since they are made of heavy red cloth, I thought that the source of light must be very powerful. All I could think of was that the light was strange and did not belong near my house. I stood up on the bed, pulled back the curtain, and looked out the window. The window has glass panes, and was closed.

Directly across from me was an object. It looked like a disc with a hump in the middle. (see Fig. 1) At this moment the rim was about ten feet from my window. My eyes were about six feet ten inches off the ground, and I would guess that the object was five feet off the ground. The object did not seem to glow or have any light source on it. It appeared to have a dull aluminum color. There were no houses lit at the time and our street has no lights on it.

I could see no rivets, seams, or other markings on the object. There was no visible means of propulsion or guidance such as propellers, jet exhaust flames or fins. Although the object was close to me, I did not feel any heat, nor could I detect a rush of wind.

The object appeared to be 20 to 22 feet in diameter and 6 feet high. (see Fig. 2)

When I first saw the object it was directly in front of me and moving north across my lawn. (see Fig. 3) It was losing altitude as it moved. The object continued in a straight path, losing altitude, until it was about fifty feet away and about one foot off the ground. It was then over the yard next door. The object hovered there motionless for several seconds. As it stopped moving, smoke began to billow around it. The smoke came from two openings in the rim. Each opening contained about seven pipes. The smoke did not seem to issue from the pipes, but from the opening which held them. The smoke was a pink-gray color and seemed to be luminescent, because it lit up the object. Before this there had been no external light on the object.

As it hovered in the yard, I was looking down on it. The background was familiar to me, and I could place the object very accurately by observing its position relative to the gravel driveway and the lawn. It appeared to be solid, with well-defined edges, and I could see nothing through it.

Then the object moved back into my yard and rose to a height of about five feet. At this point it was about twenty-five feet from me. It was no longer emitting smoke and had the same dull aluminum color that it had when I first saw the object. It made two quick clockwise turns and shot up out of sight. The second turn seemed to be tighter than the first. I would estimate the turning radius at three feet. It did not turn on its own axis at any time during the sighting. The two clockwise turns were about an axis parallel to the axis of the object.

During the turning maneuver, the object did not tip at all. Then it went straight up so quickly that I was unable to see the underside of the object. The roof on my house extends over the window so that the view was cut off before the object had

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The Air Force Stand on "Flying Saucers" — as stated by  
ICIA, in a briefing on 22 August 1952

I. The Air Force has primary responsibility for investigating "Flying saucers". The unit concerned with these investigations is a part of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Dayton, Ohio, and consists of three officers (a Captain in charge) and two civilians. They receive reports of sightings, analyze and attempt to explain them. A standard reporting form has been prepared which is used on a world-wide basis. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations checks into each sighting attempting to determine its authenticity and the reliability of the observer.

II. (A) The Air Force officially denies that "Flying saucers" are:

- (1) U.S. secret weapons
- (2) Soviet secret weapons
- (3) Extra-terrestrial visitors

(B) It is believed that all sightings of "Flying saucers" are:

- (1) Well known objects such as balloons (over 4000 are released daily in the U.S.), aircraft, meteors, comets, etc. not recognized as such by the observer.
- (2) Phenomena of the atmosphere which are at present poorly understood, e.g., refractions and reflections caused by temperature inversions, ionization phenomena, ball lightning, etc.

III. Not a shred of evidence exists to substantiate the belief that "Flying saucers" are material objects not falling into category IIB(1) above.

IV. A study of "Flying saucer" sightings on a geographical basis showed them to be more frequent in the vicinity of atomic energy installations (which is explained by the greater security consciousness of persons in those areas). The by-products of atomic fission may in some way act catalytically to produce "Flying saucers" has not been disproved. The greatest number of sightings has been made at or near Dayton, Ohio where the investigations are going on.

V. Of the thousands of "Flying saucers" sighted of which there are records, the Air Force says that 75% have been explained by either IIB(1) or IIB(2) above, 2% have been exposed as hoaxes and the remaining 23% have not been explained primarily because of the vague descriptions given by observers.

VI. The Air Force is mostly interested in the "saucer" problem because of its psychological warfare implications. In reviewing publications designed for Soviet consumption, there has not been a single reference to "Flying saucers". On the other hand, several "saucer" societies in the United States have been investigating key members of some of these societies which have been instrumental in keeping the "Flying saucer" craze before the public have been exposed as being of doubtful loyalty. Furthermore the societies, in some cases, are financed with an unknown source. The Air Force realizes that a public mole jump by the "Flying saucer" scare would be a serious liability in the event of air attacks by an enemy. Air

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Fig 9-4: This page details the USAF stand on Flying Saucers. The date was 1952, and it shows the Air Force had their mind made up on the UFO phenomenon, yet continued research for another seventeen years.

PREPARED AND DISSEMINATED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY		REPORT NO. [REDACTED]	
COUNTRY [REDACTED]	DATE DISTRIBUTED 8 NOV 55		
SUBJECT Sighting of Unconventional Flying Object [REDACTED]	NO. OF PAGES 3	NO. OF SHEETS [REDACTED]	
DATE OF INFORMATION (Date or date, on or between which, events or conditions described in report occurred)		SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT [REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]		RESPONSIVE TO [REDACTED]	

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- [REDACTED]
- We turned the light off as quickly as possible. At this time, I saw a shadowy form above the horizon to the south. Its profile was not clearly outlined - against the sky but appeared to be shaped like a partially deflated balloon with a slight dome on top. When I first saw it, it was off the ground and rising rather slowly in a vertical direction. There were two sources of light connected with the object, a white light on top and on the perimeter, a glow which was [REDACTED] white with a trace of pink. I have no estimate of its distance from us, possibly 1-2 miles.

[REDACTED] It continued to rise vertically with the glow moving slowly around the perimeter in a clockwise direction giving the appearance of a pinwheel. When it reached an altitude of [REDACTED] the spinning stopped, the glow remaining fixed on the side and [REDACTED] then moved toward us at tremendous speed.

The light on top disappeared as it came toward us. The object did not seem to change size to any great extent as it came toward us.

7 Nov 1991

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Fig 9-5: This report clearly shows the secrecy involved with the CIA and the UFO phenomenon. Remember, the UFO phenomenon is one that deserves no attention.

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Fig 9-6: In fact, on some pages the CIA released, they did not even want to waste their precious black ink. Instead, they released a page with only the words, "Deny in Toto"

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS PUBLISHED

Harbin KEXUE SHIDAI [SCIENTIFIC AGE] in Chinese, No 5, Oct 1980 pp 5-7

[Article by Jin Tao [6855 3947]: "Sightings of Flying Saucers in China"]

[Text] Not only has a stream of reports of flying saucers come out abroad, but even in China reports of flying saucers have begun.

The excerpts from letters printed below are reports of firsthand observations for which we express our sincere appreciation to the reporters. Do flying saucers exist? Are they flying objects launched by superior forms of life on other celestial bodies in our galaxy? We currently have no way of replying, but this does not stop us from studying and collecting clues no matter how tenuous they may be.

On 24 September 1979, a report was received from Yang Xinsong [2799 4423 2646], teacher at a supplemental school in Tianjin's eastern suburbs:

It was the autumn of 1943, possibly a day in September at some time after 1900 hours in the evening at my native home in Qingxian. I was enjoying myself in the courtyard when suddenly something flew across the sky from east to west shining white light, but the light wave (the area covered) was not large. Its center seemed like a saucer "revolving around a fixed point" in the sky. When I saw it passing overhead, I ran up to the roof of the house at once to watch it, but it disappeared in about a minute. Later on I heard that it had landed somewhere. I think I was not the only one to see it at that time, and later on there was a lot of discussion about it, and it was said to be a new weapon that Japan had invented.

On 25 September 1979, a report was received from Wang Xue'an [3769 1331 1344] of the Burmese Language Unit of the Beijing Foreign Languages Bureau.

Around 1900 or 2000 hours on the evening of 18 September 1971, before the sky had entirely darkened and before the moon had come out, and not long after the students from Ji County in Hunan Province who were attending the May 7 Cadre School at the Foreign Language Bureau in Beijing had eaten, everybody was in his room, some studying, some reading newspapers, some writing, and some chatting among themselves. Since I had nothing to do, I walked out the main entrance of the dormitory only to suddenly discover at a distance of about 2,000 or 3,000 meters up in the sky a huge lighted wheel slowly revolving in a clockwise direction while moving forward. After I shouted, the people in their rooms came flying out to watch. Unfortunately, when

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Fig 9-7: Here is an example of a translated article from Chinese to English. There are thousands of translated articles in the CIA release.



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Classification: unclassified Status: [STAT]  
Report Type: Foreign Press Note Report Date:  
Report Number: FB PN 90-123 UDC Number:

Headline: USSR: UFO SIGHTINGS NO. 2 -- GENERAL MALTSEV COMMENTS

FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. Leading Soviet newspapers have continued to carry numerous reports on UFO sightings in the Soviet Union (see Foreign Press Note FB PN 89-292 dated 22 November 1989 entitled "USSR: Media Report Multitude of UFO Sightings"). This coverage reached a new level when the 19 April issue of RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA carried a lengthy report on UFO sightings on 21 March, including comments by Col Gen of Aviation Igor Maltsev, chief of the Main Staff of the Soviet Air Defense Forces.

2. The report in RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA consists of excerpts of "documents" submitted by Colonel General Maltsev reporting "visual observations" of UFO sightings on 21 March, as well as two photographs; the paper was able to publish excerpts from only a few of the "more than 100 visual observations" compiled by the commanders of several air defense units of the Moscow Military District. After radar stations and aircraft assigned to the Air Defense Forces were placed on alert on 21 March and ordered to attempt to detect and identify an object or objects flying in the area of Pereslavl-Zalesskiy, a pilot made the following report:

3. "I, Lt Col A.A. Semenchenko, received the command to go on an alert exercise. At 2138, I received the command to take off. Once in the air, in the region of Pereslavl, I received my task of detecting and identifying a target at an altitude of 2,000 meters. Following a true course of 220 degrees, I visually detected the target, designated by two flashing white lights, at 2205; it was ahead and to the right, at an angle of 10 degrees. The target altered its altitude by distances of up to 1,000 meters and altered its direction of flight. With the permission of the command post, I locked my sights onto the radiation after checking to be sure that my weaponry was switched off.

4. "The target did not respond to the 'identify--friend or foe' request. In addition to the target, three or four regularly scheduled airliners could be seen on the screen. As ordered by the command post, I carried out a banked turn. While completing the turn, I observed a luminous phenomenon, reminiscent of the Aurora Borealis but with weak intensity, to the north and northwest. I approached the target to within a range of about 500-600 meters and passed above it, trying to define its character. I saw only two bright flashing white lights. I briefly saw the silhouette of the

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Fig 9-7: Here is an example of a translated article from Russia.

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FROM FBIS LONDON UK

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- 1 Herewith Moscow Television program preview for week 24-30 June as provided by the 21 June edition of SKLSKAYA ZHIZN
- 2 (All times GMT)
- 3 In addition to its normal commitments, BBC will cover and process on merit selected First Program (CTV1), Second Program (CTV2), and Russian Television casts (marked for checking)
- 4 Monday 24 June CTV1 0330 Utro 0600 Feature film 0720 Football 0900 TSN 0915 Contact-Economic Review (checking) 0930 Cartoons 0945 Football 1015 Music 1020 Concert 1130 Documentary film 1200 TSN 1215 Feature film 1330 Enthusiasts 1345 Cartoons 1355 Children's film 1515 Business Courier 1530 TSN 1545 "Confrontation" 1630 Music Show 1800 Vremya 1840 Music Show 1940 Five Plus 2155 TSN 2215 Film 2305 Dancing
- 5 Monday 24 June CTV2 0520 Cartoon 0530 Concert 0635 Literary program 0720 Film 0830-1030 Russian TV 1030 Concert 1400-1715 Russian TV 1445 "The Peasant Question" with Ivan Silayev (checking) 1500 The Camera Studies the Past-Marshal Zhukov (checking) 1550 Let Me Speak 1700 Vesti 1730 Football 1800 Vremya 1840 At the USSR Supreme Soviet session 1925 "Nikolay Ryshkov; I Believe in Russia" (checking) 2000 Vesti 2015 Movie Panorama
- 6 Tuesday 25 June CTV1 0330 Utro 0600 Feature film 0735 "The City and the Market" 0745 Children's Hour 0845 Folk melodies 0900 TSN 0915 Topical Report (checking) 0930 Music Show 1155 Photo competition 1200 TSN 1215 Feature film 1320 Enthusiasts 1335 Music 1425 Children's film 1530 TSN 1545 Cartoons 1555 Contact Forum 1625 Feature film 1800 Vremya 1840 Who's Who (checking) 1955 Ecological News 2010 With an Open Heart 2110 TSN 2130 Jazz portraits 2230 Feature film
- 7 Tuesday 25 June CTV2 0520 Cartoon 0530 Documentary film 0550 Songs 0630 Look around, Russia 0720 Gymnastics 0750 Film 0830-1030 Russian TV 1030 Cartoon 1110 Film 1400-1600 Russian TV 1545 Russian Parliamentary Herald (checking) 1600 Tennis 1700 Vesti 1730 Gymnastics 1800 Vremya 1840 At the USSR Supreme Soviet session 1925 Collage 1930-2115 Russian TV 1930 Fifth Wheel (checking) 2000 Vesti
- 8 Wednesday 26 June CTV1 0330 Utro 0600 Feature film 0710 With the Champions 0725 Music 0810 Clown 0900 TSN 0915 Business Courier 0930 Cartoons 1005 Ecological News 1020 Concert 1110 Music 1200 TSN 1215 Feature film 1315 Enthusiasts 1330 Story 1350 Children's film 1500 "On the Banks of Zelenchuk" 1530 TSN 1545 Cartoons 1600 Film 1650 Feature film 1800 Vremya 18140 Film Panorama 2010 Topical Interview 2030 Music 2050 Under the Sign of Pi 2120 TSN 2235 Concert 2325 Feature film
- 9 Wednesday 26 June CTV2 0515 Concert 0540 Documentary film 0555 Literature program 0640 The World of Adam Smith's Money 0720 Film 0830-1030 Russian TV 1030 Cartoon 1400-1600 Russian TV 1520 V. Bukovskiy on Russian TV (checking) 1600 Tennis 1700 Vesti 1730 Literature program 1800 Vremya 1840 Collage 1845 At the RSPSR Supreme Soviet session 1930 Film 2045 Vesti
- 10 Thursday 27 June CTV1 0330 Utro 0600 Feature film 0705 Children's Hour 0805 Documentary 0815 Youth program 0900 TSN 0915 MVD reports (checking)

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Fig 9-8: This page showed the CIA took close watch on what was on television in Russia. These "TV Guides" listed programs regarding UFOs.

## Chapter 10:

# It Never Stopped

*"With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded."*

-- United States Air Force





ne of the clearest points that the U.S. Government attempts to claim is that all UFO research was stopped when Project Blue Book was closed. There were different versions of the fact sheet, yet they all said generally the same thing. There is no current investigation of the UFO phenomenon, by any branch of the government.

It took merely months to prove that many branches of the U.S. Government still collected UFO reports. In the past two chapters, you have seen an example of that already. Though the next string of discoveries took years to complete, and clearly shows the magnitude of the UFO cover-up.

Back in March of 1966, the Joint Chiefs of Staff created a joint publication for the Canadian military and the U.S. military. This publication was known as, "Joint Army Navy Air Force Publication 146(e) - Canadian - United States Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings," or known is short, JANAP 146(e).

This publication outlined a procedure for the reporting of certain sightings enlisted personnel might encounter. In Chapter II, the publication lists certain items that must be reported. The publication lists them in the following order:

*"(a) Hostile or unidentified single aircraft or formations of aircraft which appear to be directed against the United States of Canada or their forces.*

*(b) Missiles*

*(c) Unidentified Flying Objects*

*(d) Hostile or unidentified submarines*

*(e) Hostile or unidentified group or groups of military surface vessels.*

*(f) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or observed in a location or on a course which may be interpreted as constituting a threat to the United States, Canada or their forces."*

As you can tell by the list, UFOs was the third listed item to be reported. Though the publication date was March of 1966, while Project Blue Book was still active. It was still a

time where active UFO investigations were taking place. It wasn't until three years after this publication was created, that Project Blue Book was terminated.

When 1969 came around, however, the publication went untouched. It actually was not updated until 1977, when the current revision would come about.

There was a mistake, or at least, it must have been a mistake. In the revision of the document when phone numbers are updated, the publication is re-worded, additions and subtractions are made, address changes are noted etc., UFOs went untouched in the publication.

Even eight years after Project Blue Book, more than enough time to see the memo of the project being cancelled, UFOs still remained. To date, JANAP 146(e), is still active, and reports are still being generated under this publication.

These reports made under this publication are called 'CIRVIS' reports. The acronym stands for "Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings." Once I knew this publication dealt with the UFO phenomenon, my next step would be to find where these reports were sent. I knew that there had to be one central location that collected all of these 'CIRVIS' records.

On page 3-6, the distribution list was stated. On the list, was the North American Air Defense Command, or better known as NORAD. This was the agency responsible for housing and collecting these CIRVIS reports, and essentially it was NORAD then who would have the UFO records associated with CIRVIS.

I filed a request to NORAD, requesting all documentation on UFOs, but I never mentioned JANAP 146(e). I did not want to limit the scope of my request, just in case there was more UFO documentation to be found. I learned if I am as broad as possible (within reason), I generally come up with more responsive documents. Another game the FOIA officers who handle requests like to play: the word games. If it is not worded correctly, they will play off the words, and say that the documents do not exist.

The response I received from NORAD was a bit unbelievable:

*"NORAD is a binational command established by Volume 33, United States Treaties (UST), page 1277, subject to control of both Canadian and US Government agencies as defined in the Act and is subsequently not subject to the US FOIA."*

How convenient was this? The one agency that these CIRVIS records are sent to, happens to be one of two agencies that the FOIA does not apply to (the other being the White House). The NORAD installation could be holding thousands upon thousands of UFO sightings from all over the U.S. and Canada, yet the public will never have access to them.

NORAD goes on to state in their letter a restatement of what I already knew:

*"Regarding UFO/UAO phenomenon, we have no documentation, archived or otherwise, regarding this type phenomenon and have not documented this type of information or maintained a database on same since the official closing of 'Project Blue Book' in 1969."*

After this letter was received, I knew there had to be documentation in their archive. I sent them another letter a few weeks later, referencing JANAP 146(e) and the fact that UFOs is clearly listed in this publication with NORAD in the distribution list.

The response I received to this letter was even more unbelievable than the first:

*"I am not familiar with the Joint Army Navy Air Force (JANAP) Publication 146(E), so perhaps you could mail or fax ((719) 554-3165/4072) me the specific pages that relate to NORAD and UFO report to possibly determine an Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR)?"*

Was I reading this correctly? After a couple of years of requesting information from the government, the government was now requesting information from me? As

humorous as this sounds now, it was quite frustrating at the time!

So I created a letter back to NORAD, citing JANAP 146(e) and saying if they wanted a copy, they could write to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, which is where I got my copy.

After citing UFOs still being listed, and citing that NORAD was on the distribution list, NORAD responded by saying they have never found any "CIRVIS" records throughout their holdings for past requesters.

At first NORAD claims they don't know what JANAP 146(e) is, yet now NORAD said they received requests in the past, and never found anything. This was a heck of a game they were playing, and quite a frustrating one at that.

Yet in that game they were playing, they gave me a hint that I missed for over a year and a half. When re-reading their letter stating why they were not subject to the "US FOIA," they stated the reason of why as being they are also under the control of the Canadian government as well.

Why did I miss this the first time? This means I still have one government that I could go through to obtain this information. I had to find out if Canada had an equivalent to the FOIA where I could query their own agencies, and in fact, they did.

It was called the 'Access to Information Act,' and operated very similarly to the U.S. FOIA. Though before I began, I took a deep breath asking myself, "You spent years attempting to understand one government, and am still having a difficult time. Now you are going to attempt to learn another government as well?"

The answer had to be, "Yes!" This could be my ticket to proving one of the largest fallacies the government has given me to date.

So I looked on the Internet, which has become my best friend by this point, to look for what Canadian agency I would hit first.

I learned of the Department of National Defence (DND), the Canadian equivalent to the U.S. Department of

Defense (DoD). I decided that instead of using postal mail, I would make a phone call and just ask if a U.S. citizen could request under the Access to Information Act. This would save a lot of time, and potential hassle.

The man answered the telephone at the DND, in the Access to Information office located there. I told him I had a question, and asked, "Can a U.S. citizen request information under the Access to Information Act?"

He thought for a minute, and wearily said, "Well... if the information has been released before, I don't see why not." So I continued by telling him exactly what I was looking for.

"Sir, I am looking for documents called 'CIRVIS' reports, on the subject of Unidentified Flying..." He interrupted by saying, "Oh Yeah. I have those right here."

"I'm sorry?" I asked. I had no idea why he had those in front of him, plus I wanted to make sure I understood what he said. He had no prior knowledge of who I was, the research I was conducting, or even the fact that I would call at all.

"Oh, I have them right here. I like to keep them handy" he said.

Why in the world would he have these records on his desk? Part of me is still kicking myself for not asking why, but I did not want to seem too inquisitive; I did not want to harm my chances in getting these documents.

"Is there a way I could obtain these?" I asked him.

These 'CIRVIS' records would be a gold mine if I could get them. They would definitely prove that NORAD was not entirely truthful, since JANAP 146(e) says that all 'CIRVIS' records are sent to NORAD.

"Yes," he responded, "Do you have a Visa?"

Yikes, a Visa? I wondered how many thousand he had, if he was requesting payment for them.

"How many do you have?" I asked fearfully.

"Well..." he said. I heard him fidgeting through the papers over the phone.

I most patiently waited until I heard, "About eighty pages or so."

Of course I whipped out that Visa card faster than I ever have before, and most graciously allowed him to charge \$2.80 for the records.

Though curiosity still got the best of me, and I had to

ask another question while he was processing the card.

"What are the dates of the records?"

If I were dealing with Project Blue Book era documents, there really would not be a cover-up exposed here. NORAD admitted to collecting UFO reports during Project Blue Book, but stopped in 1969. I was crossing my fingers these documents were after this date.

I again heard him fumble through the documents, and he answered, "I have them from about 1995, to October of last year."

This was in 2001, so 'last year' was in 2000.

"Thank you so much!" I told him. And he responded,

"Well, these aren't all of them, you know."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Most of the UFO records are in the archives," he said, obviously referencing the Canadian equivalent to the U.S. National Archives.

He ended by saying they had thousands of records over there.

I said, "Thank you" to him again, and got off the telephone.

I took the archives lead, but the archives in Canada never returned any call, letter, or e-mail that I sent to them.

Within a few weeks, the documents came from the Canadian DND. I tore the envelope open, and quickly pulled out the documents.

I was looking at UFO reports from mostly parts of Canada, but clearly showed that these 'CIRVIS' reports were genuine. These records described "Flying V" formations like the "Phoenix Lights" to "cigar-shaped" UFOs. This was definitely a find that was worth investigating some more.

Below, I have transcribed excerpts from only some of the more interesting reports (note [whited out] depicts area that were omitted by the Canadian Government, instead of using the tradition black):

*"ONE BRIGHT FLASHING LIGHT MOVING BACK  
AND FORTH ACROSS THE SKY"*



"SAW ONE HUGE ORANGE FIRE BALL HEADING EAST TO WEST WITH A TRAIL OF FIRE ABOUT 4FT IN HEIGHT AND ABOUT 8FT IN LENGTH. THE FLAME BURNED OUT AND [ WHITED OUT ] COULD SEE A BLACK ROUND SMOKING OBJECT AND THEN DISSAPPEARED."

"1. ON 08 DEC 98, 2345L, [ WHITED OUT ] OBSERVED A STRANGE OBJECT IN THE SKY ABOVE TRENTON. [ WHITED OUT ] AND HER HUSBAND [ WHITED OUT ] OBSERVED THE OBJECT LOW IN THE NORTH WEST SKYLINE AS THEY WERE DRIVING FROM THE GLEN MILLER AREA TOWARDS TRENTON

2. THEY OBSERVED THAT THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY UPSIDE TOWN TRIANGLE WITH A RED LIGHT AT THE APEX. THE SKY CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR AND MOONLIT. THEY THOUGHT THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION. [ WHITED OUT ] CALLED HER FRIEND, [ WHITED OUT ] WHOME THEY HAD JUST VISITED AND ASKED HER IF SHE COULD SEE THE SAME OBJECT IN THE SKYLINE. HER FRIEND CONFIRMED THAT SHE SAW THE SAME OBJECT BUT HAD NO IDEA WHAT IT COULD BE."

"OBJECT WAS SEEN HOVERING APPROX 75 FT ABV BOOKSTORE. CRAFT DESCRIBED AS QUOTE SHINY UNQUOTE ALUMINUM OR SILVER COLOURED DISC, 75-80 FT IN DIAMETER, WITH A ROW OF COLOURED LIGHTS ON THE BOTTOM AND A SMALL DOME ON TOP. OBJ HOVER DESCRIBED AS QUOTE WOBBLY UNQUOTE WITH ERRATIC LATERAL MOVEMENTS. AFTER A MINUTE OR TWO IN THE HOVER, THE OBJECT TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN FOR 2-3 SECONDS, THEN RIGHTED ITSELF AND SHOW STRAIGHT UP TO AN ALTITUDE OF APPROX. 1/2 TO 3/4 MILE. LIGHTS ON BOTTOM EXTINGUISHED DURING ASCENT. OBJ RESUMED HOVER AT ALTITUDE FOR A FURTHER ONE OF TWO MINUTES, THEN

QUOTE BLINKED OUT UNQUOTE."

Various dates through the mid 1990's on, the UFO documents I received from the Canadian Government only confirmed the existence of this phenomenon even greater. It showed beyond any reasonable doubt that NORAD was in fact collecting these records.

The fact they claimed they had no idea what JANAP 146(e) was, was also another fallacy exposed from the find of these documents.

Though one other document turned up in the Canadian release, which was not a 'CIRVIS' report itself, but was from a Canadian manual that I could not quickly identify.

With a little bit of research in reading the two page excerpt, I realized this was from a manual that instructed all commercial pilots to report UFOs and create a 'CIRVIS' report.

Now I had the addition of commercial pilots as well as military. It appeared to be the Canadian equivalent to our FAA, and they would file UFO sightings under the "CIRVIS" heading. These reports were to be sent to the Transport Canada Aviation Ops Centre.

The manual excerpt that was received said the following:

*"Ref: GPH 204 SECTION 6 - PILOT REPORTS*

*CIRVIS reports should be made immediately upon a vital intelligence sighting of any airborne, waterborne and ground objects or activities which appear to be hostile, suspicious, unidentified or engaged in possible illegal smuggling activity.*

*Examples of events requiring CIRVIS reports are:*

- *unidentified flying objects;*
- *submarines or warships which are not Canadian or American;*
- *violent explosions; and*
- *unexplained or unusual activity in Polar regions, abandoned airstrips or other remote, sparsely populated areas."*



Even in this Canadian manual, wording is very similar to that of JANAP 146(e), though one major difference was immediately noticed. Instead of UFOs being number three on the list, it was number one. Not to say the items listed were in any particular order, the next excerpt from the manual shows that UFOs was a bit more important than in JANAP 146(e):

*"If you receive a message reporting a UFO/CIRVIS sighting, ensure that the above mentioned addressees are listed on the message. If not, it is the responsibility to the DWO/T to retransmit the original report to the required location.*

*UFO Sighting file number is 2000-13*

*Transport Canada Aviation Ops Centre  
Supervisor - Mike Hunzicker (81-947-5125)  
Ops 81-947-5140 (non-emergency)  
81-842-6853 (emergency)  
1-877-992-6853 (commercial)  
1-613-993-7768 (fax)"*

UFOs even received their own filing number. The other items in the list were not mentioned again in the excerpt I received. So this Canadian publication felt UFOs were a bit more important than the others.

After this document was read, I put some time to think about what my next move would be. I could prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that the Canadian Government was still active in researching the phenomenon, but it did not prove enough for me to be happy with the evidence to show there was a U.S. connection as well.

I wanted to find some connection within the U.S. Government that still proved UFOs were an interest.

So then I began my quest for 'CIRVIS' information, and yet again got way more than I bargained for!

I figured since the Canadian commercial pilots were instructed to report UFOs, I thought maybe our commercial pilots in the states would be as well. I logged back onto the

Internet, and went to the official homepage for the Federal Aviation Administration, or better known as the FAA.

I used their website search engine to search for "CIRVIS" to see what I could come up with. Sure enough, I got a few matches. The first hit was an acronym list; those abbreviations that the government loved to use that made things quite confusing at times.

"CIRVIS" - Communications Instructions For Report Vital Intelligence Sightings - was one of those acronyms listed in the official FAA list. This told me immediately there was at least one document that had this acronym in it.

With a little bit of research, I finally found that document.

The title and section was "7110.10N, Flight Services - Chapter 6, Section 5 - Subsection 6 - Paragraph d." This was where I found the reference I needed to 'CIRVIS'. It stated the following:

*"d. CIRVIS.*

*1. JANAP 146(E), Canadian-United States Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings, is an unclassified, nonregistered publication, prepared by the U.S. Military Communications-Electronics Board in conjunction with Canada for joint U.S. and Canadian use. The Flight Information Publication (FLIP), Flight Information Handbook (FIH), Section B, containing extracts from JANAP 146(E), should be in all facilities.*

*2. Relay CIRVIS reports by the most expeditious means to the appropriate ARTCC."*

This made reference to JANAP 146(e), and instructed all commercial aviation pilots to follow this guide. It even went on to say that a copy of JANAP 146(e) "should be in all facilities."

This was a major find for me. This told me that regardless of what the military was saying, our commercial pilots were obviously still seeing these UFOs. When I say still,

I mean present day.

The manual, in tact with references to JANAP 146(e), was last revised on February 21, 2002. The UFO reporting procedure for the commercial aviation pilots was alive and well.

Again I wanted more. This was a big find that I knew needed more attention, but I felt that I could get lucky, and find a military reference as well.

This would have to exist if I wanted to prove beyond any shadow of a doubt, the government along with commercial pilots as well, were seeing these UFOs.

I turned back again to the Internet to search for what it may have held on the subject. I searched AltaVista, a very popular search engine, for the keyword, "CIRVIS."

At the time I did this research, which was on August 14, 2000, I came up with five hundred and seventy three sites to look through. At the time that I wrote this book, it was only two hundred and forty nine.

Though it did not take long to figure out that the sites were all about JANAP 146(e), or companies with the acronym CIRVIS, but nothing really important or new.

That is, until I got to hit number twenty in the results. This had the title, "AF Instruction 10-206: Table of Contents" and was indexed from an Air Force server. I thought that this was quite peculiar, as I did not know why an Air Force server would be a hit for the keyword "CIRVIS."

So I clicked on the link, waiting for the server to respond. Wouldn't you know? The server was down. It took forever to load, and then it would begin to transfer data, and then wait again. I literally let the computer sit for over an hour to get the page to load, and it did not.

I thought this was equally as strange, because with all the experience I had at this point with web servers, I should have gotten a timed-out error or something. But it just sat there.

I noticed the address, starting with an <http://pdo.pdc.aia.af.mil/>. So I began to play around with the address. I typed it in different ways thinking I might hit the

home page that actually did work, and then I could continue doing research on whatever this "AF Instruction 10-206" was.

I finally got a page to load, and it said the database was being moved, and forwarded me to another web address. This site was one that listed thousands of Air Force manuals, publications and instructions. The server undergoing maintenance also explained the large amount of time it took for the server to load.

I searched for "AF Instruction 10-206" on this new server, and hit a match. I printed out the document, all twenty pages or so, and it had nothing to do with the keyword "CIRVIS" or UFOs.

There had to be a mistake. Why would AltaVista come up with this indexed page, then when I finally find the document, it mysteriously has no mention of CIRVIS?

Then I realized my mistake when I peered at the top corner of this publication. It said, "Air Intelligence Agency Instruction 10-206." I was looking for "Air Force Instruction 10-206." This was beginning to get quite confusing.

After figuring out this minor blunder, I started searching for the correct document. Though what AltaVista said was "Air Force Instruction 10-206" in the search results, I was actually looking for "Air Force Manual 10-206." Again, quite a confusing twist.

Unclear why AltaVista indexed the 'instruction' associated with 'CIRVIS', I finally got myself on track and searching for "Air Force Manual 10-206" (AFMAN 10-206).

At the time, AFMAN 10-206 was not available on the Internet, and I had to request this manual from the Air Force itself. I was forwarded to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), an agency who's responsibility was to sell documents to the public.

Paying around thirty dollars for the manual, I received it weeks after I sent payment. Sure enough, after months of confusing work as you can tell, I finally made the discovery I was looking for.

I received the manual and immediately turned to the

Table of Contents to see what I might find. Fairly generic information in the first few chapters, but when I got to Chapter five, I knew I hit the jackpot:

**"Chapter 5 - COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR REPORTING VITAL INTELLIGENCE  
SIGHTINGS (CIRVIS)"**

This was an entire chapter devoted to 'CIRVIS!' So I immediately went to chapter five to see what it said.

Unlike the FAA manual, which merely references JANAP 146(e), this Air Force manual clearly reiterates what JANAP 146(e) instructs to report.

Referencing the JANAP 146(e) publication, the manual continues with the following:

*"5.1. Subject and Purpose. This report provides vital information to the security of the United States and Canada which, in the opinion of the observer, requires very urgent defensive action or investigation by the US and or Canadian Armed Forces.*

*5.2. Reference Materials. Joint Army, Navy, Air Force Publication (JANAP 146).*

*5.3. Submitted By. Any Air Force personnel.*

*5.4. Submitted To:*

*5.4.1. Airborne reports: US or Canadian military or civilian communications facility.*

*5.4.2. Post-landing reports: Commander in Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Cheyenne Mt, Colorado, or HQ Northern NORAD Region, North Bay, Ontario, Canada, whichever is more convenient. If landing outside Canadian or US territories, submit reports through the nearest US or Canadian military or diplomatic representative.*

*5.5. When Submitted. As soon as possible after the*

*intelligence sighting.*

*5.6. How Submitted. Reports are normally UNCLASSIFIED but handled as For Official Use Only.*

*5.6.1. Use the most rapid means of transmission available. For airborne reports use the same procedures as for air traffic control. When pilots cannot establish contact with a ground station, make maximum effort to relay the report via other aircraft.*

*5.6.2. To avoid delays while airborne, repeat the word CIRVIS three times before the message to preempt all other communications (except distress and urgency). If this fails to clear the frequencies, use the International Urgency Signal "PAN" spoken three times. For the ground relay of airborne reports or post-landing reports, use FLASH precedence."*

Clearly, this manual stated that 'CIRVIS' messages were extremely important. It applied to all "Air Force Personnel" and was for 'Official Use Only'.

Though the most interesting part above, was the "Submitted To:" section. It clearly states NORAD as being one of the two places to receive these 'CIRVIS' reports from all Air Force personnel.

This was a major find! Though a confusing and hard-to-follow paper trail, the end result was irrefutable. This was a U.S. Air Force connection to present day investigations of UFOs, because the most interesting part of this manual was the date - 8 June 2001.

This was black and white proof to completely contradict years of statements being given to me. Firstly, the Air Force 'fact sheet' on UFOs stated that in 1969 all UFO investigations were stopped.

On the contrary, an Air Force manual still exists to specifically mention UFOs.

The second contradiction was the signed letter from NORAD claiming no interest or data collection since 1969. Another fallacy, since NORAD was one of the prime targets

that 'CIRVIS' reports were sent to.

JANAP 146(e) was the basis for all UFO research and reporting, but the connections to the U.S. Government and Canadian Government were indisputable.

Finally I had what I needed to clearly show the UFO phenomenon was not a dead subject within the walls of the U.S. Government. Instead, both commercial and military pilots both were clearly instructed to report UFOs as they see them, and send them to an agency that claimed no interest.

Are we dealing with a phenomenon that truly doesn't exist? Or do we finally have the proof needed to show that the government is still active in attempting to find out what these UFO's truly are?

Though the evidence for Air Force continuance in UFO investigation did not stop there. I started researching specific aircraft's flight manuals, to see if there might be a reference to 'CIRVIS' and/or UFOs.

I found in nearly every aircraft manual I looked in, a reference to 'CIRVIS' and the AFMAN 10-206. This was yet another clear indication of the importance of these UFO records and sighting reports.

I have compiled a list of only some of the aircraft manuals, which reference 'CIRVIS' and AFMAN 10-206: HC-130, C-12, all Special Air Missions (SAMs), KC-10, KC-135, F-16, F-117, F-15, EC-137D, C-5, C-21, C-212, B-52, B-2, B-1, A/OA-10, all Air Traffic Control manuals, U-2, HH-60, and so many more!

Interesting to point out from this list, many aircraft attributed to being UFOs like the F-117 "Stealth Fighter" and the B-2 "Stealth Bomber" are also instructed to report UFOs. Makes anyone pose the question, "What exactly are they seeing?"

A conspiracy and cover-up revealed, another question that must be posed is, "Do we need any more evidence than that?"

This chapter alone tells a tale worthy of attention by any skeptic. If the government claims that UFOs were



investigated for over twenty years with Project Blue Book, and it was concluded that all UFO sightings could be identified, why continue?

Why pay those tax dollars and waste the time of each pilot who reports a UFO, if the phenomenon they are reporting is bogus?

A phenomenon that even the U.S. Government cannot identify still exists to this day. Not only are civilians seeing these UFOs, but military and commercial pilots as well have procedures to report them.

It boggles the mind why I was able to come up with these documents, but equally as strange as to why the government won't admit to the interest.

With as much evidence that has been put forth so far in this, the trail is far from over. In the next chapter, you will read about files I turned up at the United States Army, and after a connection to an outside UFO sighting and actual UFO piece, made Black Vault history.



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# CANADIAN - UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VITAL INTELLIGENCE SIGHTINGS

(CIRVIS/MERINT)  
JANAP 146(E)

THIS PUBLICATION CONTAINS US MILITARY  
INFORMATION AND RELEASE TO OTHER THAN US  
MILITARY AGENCIES WILL BE ON A NEED-TO-  
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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20301

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Fig 10-1: This is the cover page to JANAP 146(E). Note the date of March 1966.

CHANGE NO. 2

to JANAP 146 (E)

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
Washington, D.C. 20301

17 May 1977

US NATIONAL LETTER OF PROMULGATION  
FOR CHANGE NO. 2 TO JANAP 146(E)

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3. Insert the new pages in numerical sequence and check the List Of Effective Pages (LEP). The appropriate entry shall be made on the Record of Changes and Corrections page that this change has been entered. After entry of Change No. 2, the US National Letter of Promulgation will be retained for future reference (to be entered in the publication after the Record of Changes and Corrections). This change consists of the following pages:

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Promulgation for Change No. 2...1 of 2, 2 of 2  
New and reprinted pages:

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1-1, 1-2	3-1, 3-2
2-1, 2-2	3-5 to 3-8
	LEP-1 (Reverse Blank)

This document contains Canadian/US  
military information and release to  
other than Canadian/US military  
agencies will be on a need-to-know  
basis.

Fig 10-2: This page from JANAP 146(E) displays the latest revision changes. Note the date of May 1977.

CHAPTER II

CIRVIS REPORTS

SECTION I - GENERAL

201. Information to be Reported and When to Report.

a. Sightings within the scope of this chapter, as outlined in paragraphs 102b(1), (2), (6) and (7), are to be reported as follows:

(1) While airborne and from land based observers.

(a) Hostile or unidentified single aircraft or formations of aircraft which appear to be directed against the United States or Canada or their forces.

(b) Missiles.

(c) Unidentified flying objects.

(d) Hostile or unidentified submarines.

(e) Hostile or unidentified group or groups of military surface vessels.

(f) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or observed in a location or on a course which may be interpreted as constituting a threat to the United States, Canada or their forces.

(g) Any unexplained or unusual activity which may indicate a possible attack against or through Canada or the United States, including the presence of any unidentified or other suspicious ground parties in the Polar Region or other remote or sparsely populated areas.

(2) Upon landing.

(a) Reports which for any reason could not be transmitted while airborne.

(b) Unlisted airfields or facilities, weather stations, or air navigation aids.

**Fig 10-3: In the latest revision more than 7 years after the closure of Project Blue Book, UFOs are still being reported.**

(1) US military fixed communications stations receiving CIRVIS reports on sightings in overseas areas will forward the report to the following addressees:

- (a) The operating service commands of the area involved.
- (b) Commander-in-Chief, North American Air Defense Command (CINCNORAD/IN), Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- (c) Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command (CINCSAC), Offutt AFB, Nebraska.
- (d) Chief of Staff, United States Air Force (CSAF/IN), Washington, D. C.

(2) Canadian and US military fixed communications stations receiving CIRVIS reports on sightings within the North American continent or within waters bordering the North American continent will forward the report to the following addressees:

- (a) Commander of the nearest joint air defense division, command or group.
- (b) Commander-in-Chief, North American Air Defense Command (CINCNORAD/IN), Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- (c) ~~Chief of the Defence Staff~~, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K2, (Msg Address: NDHQ OTTAWA (For DGIS) in the first line of text).
- (d) Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command (CINCSAC), Offutt AFB, Nebraska.
- (e) ~~Commander~~, Air Command, Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg, Westwin, Man, R2R 0T0 (Message Address: AIRCOM WINNIPEG).
- (f) Appropriate Antisubmarine Warfare Force Commander:
  - 1. Commander Third Fleet (COMTHIRDFLT).
  - 2. Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Force U. S. Pacific Fleet (COMASWFORPAC), Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Fig 10-4: This page listed the distribution list for all "CIRVIS" reports. Note NORAD in a few locations.

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OPERATIONAL REPORTING



## Chapter 5

### COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS REPORTING VITAL INTELLIGENCE SIGHTINGS (CIRVIS)

**5.1. Subject and Purpose.** This report provides vital information to the security of the United States and Canada which, in the opinion of the observer, requires very urgent defensive action or investigation by the US and or Canadian Armed Forces.

**5.2. Reference Materials.** Joint Army, Navy, Air Force Publication (JANAP 146).

**5.3. Submitted By.** Any Air Force personnel.

**5.4. Submitted To:**

**5.4.1. Airborne reports:** US or Canadian military or civilian communications facility.

**5.4.2. Post-landing reports:** Commander in Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Cheyenne Mt, Colorado, or HQ Northern NORAD Region, North Bay, Ontario, Canada, whichever is more convenient. If landing outside Canadian or US territories, submit reports through the nearest US or Canadian military or diplomatic representative.

**5.5. When Submitted.** As soon as possible after the intelligence sighting.

**5.6. How Submitted.** Reports are normally UNCLASSIFIED but handled as For Official Use Only.

**5.6.1.** Use the most rapid means of transmission available. For airborne reports use the same procedures as for air traffic control. When pilots cannot establish contact with a ground station, make maximum effort to relay the report via other aircraft.

**5.6.2.** To avoid delays while airborne, repeat the word CIRVIS three times before the message to preempt all other communications (except distress and urgency). If this fails to clear the frequencies, use the International Urgency Signal "PAN" spoken three times. For the ground relay of airborne reports or post-landing reports, use FLASH precedence.

**5.6.3.** Transmit during MINIMIZE.

**5.6.4.** Use the ESC C1 designator- Continue reporting, priority.

**5.7. Reporting Instructions:**

5.7.1. Facilities receiving CIRVIS reports will rapidly process and forward them as prescribed by JANAP 146.

5.7.2. Report all unidentifiable, suspicious, or hostile traffic (land, aerospace, or seaborne) which, because of its nature, course, or actions, considered a threat to the security of the United States or Canada. Such reporting extends the early warning defense system for the United States and Canada. There are five types of CIRVIS reports:

5.7.2.1. Issue initial CIRVIS reports while airborne (or as warranted, upon landing).

5.7.2.2. Issue post-landing CIRVIS reports if airborne reports made.

5.7.2.3. Issue followup CIRVIS reports by anyone with additional information about an earlier report (refer to the initial report).

5.7.2.4. Issue cancellation CIRVIS reports once sightings are positively identified as friendly or determined it was erroneously reported.

5.7.2.5. Submit evaluation CIRVIS reports to each addressee of the above CIRVIS reports. Promptly submit evaluation reports to keep all interested parties fully informed.

5.7.3. Report the following specific sightings:

5.7.3.1. Hostile or unidentified aircraft which appears directed against the United States, Canada, or their forces.

5.7.3.2. Missiles

5.7.3.3. Unidentified flying objects.

5.7.3.4. Hostile or unidentified military surface vessels or submarines.

5.7.3.5. Any other individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of unconventional design engaged in suspicious activity, observed in an unusual location, or on a course which may threaten the United States, Canada, or their forces.

5.7.3.6. Any unexplained or unusual activity which may indicate a possible attack against or through Canada or the United States (includes the presence of any unidentified or suspicious ground parties in remote or sparsely populated areas, including the polar region).

5.7.3.7. Unlisted airfields, facilities, weather stations, or air navigation aids.

5.7.4. Make every effort to document sightings with as many photographs as possible. Send undeveloped film or prints and negatives, with a brief written report and other identifying information to the Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy, Washington, DC 20305. The Department of the Navy will process the film and return one copy of each print and a roll of new film to the individual.

5.7.5. Use Figure 5.1. to gather and report specific sighting details.

**Figure 5.1. Communications Instructions Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings (CIRVIS).**

**GUIDE FOR CIRVIS REPORTING**

The CIRVIS report is a narrative report explaining the sighting. A specific format is not required. Provide as much specific detail as possible to aid decision makers in responding to the sighting. Include the following information if possible along with any other information which may be significant:

1. CIRVIS report identification.
2. Identification of the object(s) sighted.
  - a. For identifiable objects, include number and identification of the aircraft, vessel, missile, or individuals seen.
  - b. For unidentifiable objects, give a description including shape, size (compared to a known object e.g., pea, silver dollar, baseball, basketball, fighter aircraft, or C-5), number and formation, any discernible features or details (e.g., color, trail or exhaust, sound).
  - c. Include any observed identification (e.g., insignia, lettering, flags).
3. The position of the object. Include the date and time (GMT) of the sighting. This can be indicated by any of the following methods:
  - a. Latitude and longitude.
  - b. Over a radio fix.
  - c. True bearing and distance from a radio fix.
  - d. Over a well-known or well-defined geographic point.
4. Description of the course of the object:
  - a. Altitude.
  - b. Direction of travel.
  - c. Speed.
  - d. Description of flightpath and maneuvers.
  - e. What first called attention to the object.
  - f. Angle or elevation and azimuth when first observed.
  - g. How long was the object visible.
  - h. Angle or elevation and azimuth upon disappearance.
  - i. How did the object disappear.
5. Manner of observation.
  - a. State how observed: ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-visual, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify system).
  - b. Were optical aids (telescope, binoculars, etc.) used?



6. *Conditions when sighting the object.*
  - a. *Location of observer. (Use latitude/longitude, a named geographic landmark, or other logical references.) If the sighting is made while airborne, include type of aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.*
  - b. *Light conditions (use one of the following terms: night, day, dawn, dusk).*
  - c. *Weather conditions (ceiling, visibility, clouds, thunderstorms, temperature, winds, etc.).*
7. *Interception or identification action taken (if feasible, complying with existing directives).*
8. *Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area which could possibly account for the sighting.*
9. *Preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sightings.*
10. *Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs.*
11. *Name, organization, and means of contacting the reporting individual.*

**Fig 10-5: Excerpt from Air Force Manual 10-206. This excerpt shows where to report the incidents, and what to report.**

Chapter 11:

The Reason  
For Existence

*"You can only go as far as you push."*

-- Larry "Bluesman" Cekander

Vice President, Museum of the Unexplained



ccasionally, I'll receive the fantastic one-word question, "Why?" Why is it that I do what I do? I have never seen a UFO, never been abducted, never had any unexplained experiences of the paranormal, so why?

I ask that question to myself all the time, but this chapter recounts just one of the many stories that gives me the energy and the enjoyment to keep plugging away at the research. This is why I do it.

It started with a FOIA request to the United States Army for all UFO documents. This was another example of my 'blanket requests' I came to call them. In lieu of citing a specific record or case, I would do a 'blanket request' that would cover their entire holdings for all UFO documentation. This yielded the results of over four hundred pages on the subject. In this newly released package, were a large amount of poorly photocopied pages. Some were completely unreadable, so again I knew this was going to be quite a task sifting through these documents.

I was seeing a bunch of schematics for an aircraft, looking very similar to a 'flying wing' design like the B-2 "Stealth Bomber." As I continued thumbing through the pages, I realized exactly what the U.S. Army did when processing my request.

They loaded up their computers, and placed a search for all documents pertaining to certain keywords. These keywords included "UFO" and "Flying Saucer." What this did was output all documents that were relating to those keywords, but not necessarily my request.

So with that, hundreds of pages on the Horten brothers, a German pair of aircraft designers, were received. They were designing aircraft with no fuselage, to reduce any kind of drag the aircraft could incur. Their designs looked much like the 'flying wing' designs of Jack Northrop through the 1940's, which later became our Stealth Bomber.

These documents were in the package, because references to the Horten brothers' design called them a 'flying saucer.' I was a World War II history buff, so I did not mind these documents at all.

Though this shows exactly what the government does in searching for a request. Even though the documents aren't the subject matter of your request, they simply search a computer and whatever it spits out, you get in the mail. This has been quite frustrating in the past, where you actually have a bill for the documents. Paying for documents that are not related, or vaguely related, to the subject matter of your request gets old very quickly.

The Horten schematics, designs, and paperwork were not the only documents in this package. Also found was an "Incoming Message" document from Hungary. This talked about an aerial phenomenon observed over Budapest. The date, was 17 May 1947, even prior to when Kenneth Arnold coined the phrase, "flying saucer."

The document said the following (spelling errors reflected from the document):

*"At approximately 2030 hours on 14 May airborne phenomenon was observed passing over BUDAPEST on a Southeast to Northwest course in an almost flat trajectory. Consensus of observers places altitude at about 3000 feet and speed above 400 mph and describes an object as spherical in shape with diameter of approximately 3-4 feet. It appeared to be burning and left a thin trail of smoke uniform in shape and area except for periodic enlargements which seemed to suggest successive impulses. Object also apparently emanated tail of flame about 3 meters long but NO sound accompanied the passing.*

*Much controversy has begun in the press about it and 1 editorial has dismissed it as "all probability a meteor". Hungarian Meteorological Institute state they made NO official observation of the object and are awaiting further reports prior issuing any statement.*

*Comment by Air Officer: 'Although I did NOT observe the object, I am NOT convinced by the reports to date that it was a meteor due to almost 100 per cent agreement by observers on altitude and trajectory'."*

The object described is very similar to that of a piece of satellite coming back from its orbit, and re-entering the atmosphere. However, this was about ten years prior to the first satellite ever going up into space.

Found also in the package was a document regarding what appeared to be a 'flying saucer' shaped aircraft of a Soviet design (see next page).

501, 4306-012 DET., 12ND INF. DIVISION, 1ST ARMY CORPS  
 SUBJECT: "FLYING SAUCERS" AND "UFO" REPORTS IN A SOVIET ARMY JOURNAL  
 CASE NO. 1/18839

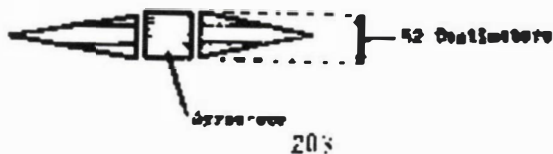
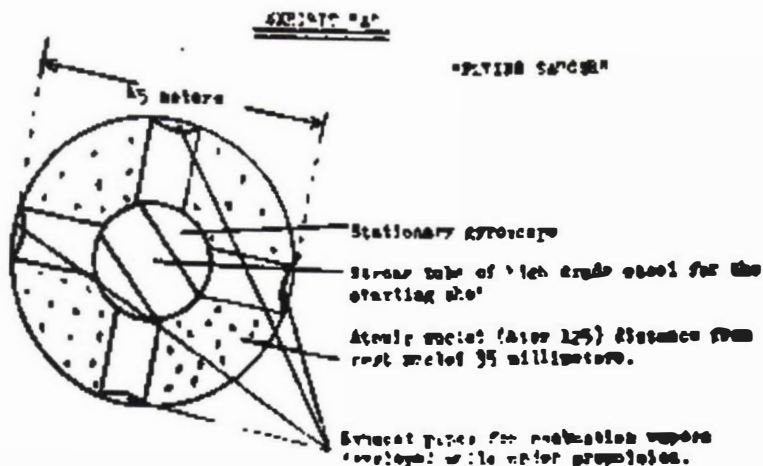


Fig 11-1: This is an example of one of the pages from the Department of the Army collection, referencing "flying saucers" from Soviet origin.

The most interesting discovery from the Army document came within the first fifteen pages. It would take me a couple of years to truly figure out why these pages were important, but that day would eventually come.

It came to my attention on the message forums at The Black Vault, that there was a connection made between a UFO piece and documents that I received from the Department of the Army. I must admit, when I first heard this, I really wasn't sure what to make of it. Then as time passed, I became more aware of what exactly that connection was, and it made me realize why exactly I do what I do.

I created The Black Vault to help those who wanted to learn. I was conducting my own research, but I knew I wanted to help others conduct theirs as well. Two of those researchers, Bob White and Larry Cekander from Missouri, would use the resources at The Black Vault for the reason it was created.

Back in the late mid to late 1980's, Bob White and a friend witnessed a UFO. Although not too uncommon, Bob was able to retrieve an object that had fallen out of the sky that the UFO allegedly left behind once it took off.

I want to allow Bob to tell his story from his words. The following is a "sworn statement" given by Bob on May 7, 1998. This will recount his story in his words, as I do now want to skew any of the details:

*" 'This is a Sworn Statement'*

*My name is Robert White  
Today is May 7, 1998  
I live in Reeds Spring, MO*

*Over ten years ago, a lady friend and I were driving to Las Vegas from Denver, Colorado. It was about 2 or 3:00 am. We were just west of Grand Junction when something very unusual happened. Jan was driving and I was napping. She woke me, asking what is that bright orange light ahead of us? Since there was a railroad track on the North side of the highway, I told her it was just a railroad light, and resumed my nap.*

*A while later, Jan woke me again and said, "That is no railroad light." She was right. It was about the size of a full harvest moon. I decided to stay awake and watch this thing. As we got closer, it grew larger.*

*We were a few hundred yards from it, when I reached over and shut off the lights on the car. It was a very clear night and there were no other cars on the highway, so it was not dangerous to do so.*

*When we were a few hundred yards from it, I turned off the ignition and we coasted up close to it. It turned out to be on the left side of the highway instead of the right side. It was huge, the size of a very big barn.*

*I made Jan stop the car, which she did not want to do. She was terrified and shaking badly. 'Let's keep going,' she pleaded. I tried to assure her there was nothing to fear. After all this is just a bright light.*

*I got out of the car on the passenger side and stepped in front of the car for a better look at this thing. For some unknown reason, Jan turned on the headlights, and this light went up in the sky as fast as my eyes could follow it. When it reached a great height, it either changed shape or connected to another light, which looked like two long, blue, tubular, neon lights, one on top of the other with a space in between them. Then I saw another small light, bright orange with a tinge of yellow, white, and blue falling from it. For a minute I thought it was the same light coming back down. It came back down almost to where it started from.*

*I did not see it hit the ground, because where I was standing*



*there was a small incline. I climbed the incline and went over to where I thought it might have hit. I found a groove in the ground about 18 inches deep and 9 inches wide. I followed the groove and there it lay. I watched it for a while and it was still glowing.*

*I walked back to the car, took the keys from the ignition, and opened the trunk to look for some gloves. There was one brown cotton glove.*

*I went back to the object and it was no longer glowing. I ran my hand over it and since I didn't feel any heat, I picked it up with the glove, carried it back to the car, and put it in the trunk. I have been told by Dr. Reiswick from Los Alamos National Laboratory, Materials, Science and Technology Division, who did the analyzation on it, this object is definitely extra-terrestrial.*

*I swear under oath this is a true story*

*Robert White*

*(Signature)*

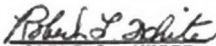
*This Statement was prepared by Bob White and sworn to be true before a Notary Public of Stone County, Missouri. The seal of Lillie M. Parton appears on the original document."*

COTTON GLOVE.

I WENT BACK TO THE OBJECT AND IT WAS NO LONGER GLOWING. I RAN MY HAND OVER IT AND SINCE I DIDN'T PEEL ANY HEAT, I PICKED IT UP WITH THE GLOVE, CARRIED IT BACK TO THE CAR, AND PUT IT IN THE TRUNK.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY DR. REISWICK FROM LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, MATERIALS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, WHO DID THE ANALIZATION ON IT, THIS OBJECT IS DEFINITELY EXTRATERRESTRIAL.

I SWEAR UNDER OATH THIS IS A TRUE STORY.

  
ROBERT L. WHITE

STATE OF: MISSOURI  
COUNTY OF: STONE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 7th DAY OF MAY 1998.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

LILLIE M. PARTON  
Notary Public - State of Missouri  
County of Stone  
My Commission Expires 04-04-2002

Fig 11-2: This is the last page of Bob's sworn statement. I wanted to show the notarized stamp and seal.

I read this statement with much interest, because that UFO piece is still in the possession of Bob. He still has it, and has done some tests on it, which I will outline, but first I wanted to deal with the sworn statement.

Bob wanted to expand even further the credibility to his story, and he did just that. He voluntarily took a lie detector test, conducted by Mr. George Larbey of the Springfield, MO police department.

Larbey headed the police internal affairs unit, was a police detective, patrol officer and polygraph examiner. A graduate of the Backster School of Lie Detection, Larbey's opinion of Bob White's sworn statement is an invaluable verification of the events that took place that night in Colorado.

After the lie detector test, he stated the following:

*"Mr. White was administered a polygraph examination on May 13, 1998.*

*The main issue under consideration was whether he was truthful in his sworn statement given May 7, 1998.*

*Based on a careful analysis of Mr. White's polygram, it is my professional opinion that he was truthful when answering yes to the following questions: (1) Regarding your sworn statement given May 7, 1998, are the events made true and correct? (2) Have you been truthful in your sworn statement given on May 7, 1998? Further, it is my opinion that he was truthful when answering no to the following question: Regarding your sworn statement given on May 7, 1998, did you give any false statements in your story?*

*Respectfully submitted,  
George Larbey  
Polygraph Examiner"*

*Personnel Research, Inc.*

Polygraph Consultants - Commercial Polygraph Examiner

John Harvill, President

May 27, 1998

Mr. Robert White

RE: Polygraph Examination

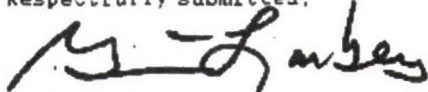
Dear Mr. White:

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The main issue under consideration was whether you were truthful in your sworn statement given May 7, 1998.

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Respectfully submitted,



George Larbey  
Polygraph Examiner

Fig 11-3: Actual signed letter on the results of the lie detector test

So according to a method that stands up in a court of law, it was concluded that Bob White was telling the truth in his sworn statement that you have read above. For me, that convinces me that we are dealing with a story that is true, but now we have to deal with the UFO piece itself.

I am a person that needs to see to believe. The reason why I was so intrigued by the Bob White story, was not because he had a story that passed a lie detector test, but because he had something I could touch, feel and hold related to this sighting.

Later, this is exactly what happened.

At the 2002 International UFO Congress held in Laughlin, Nevada, I was able to meet Bob White personally.

By this time, I had seen pictures of it. Looks much like a cone shaped object, with odd texture to it, and a large groove down the center, though you really can't describe it unless you see it in person.

My first reaction was "What in the world is that?" It was a very strange piece of whatever it was. Larry, a great friend that I have associated with now for a couple of years, laughed when he heard me say that. As I got to feel it, I realized this thing was unlike anything I had ever seen before. Was it extraterrestrial? I had no idea, but it was extremely odd. I was told it was 80% aluminum, and had roughly thirty other elements that were identified as being in the object. I was even told to flick the object, which resulted in a 'pinging' sound very uncommon in a piece of aluminum. The bottom line, was I had no idea what this object was - but at least I could touch it!



Figure 6: Microstructure of the small diameter end from the unknown object.

#### Chemical Analysis/ Isotopic Analysis

##### Semi-quantitative Chemical Analysis:

Semi-quantitative chemical analysis was performed on the material using both scanning electron microscopy/energy dispersive spectroscopy(SEM/EDS) and glow discharge mass spectroscopy(GDMS). Both techniques provided good correlation with weight percent compositions listed below.

	<u>SEM/EDS</u>	<u>GDMS</u>
Al	92.5	90 - 95
Si	6.8	5 - 6
Fe	0.73	0.6 - 1.0
C	---	1.0 - 2.0

Other elements detected by GDMS in the 1000 to 100 ppm range include oxygen, potassium, chromium, manganese, nickel, copper and cadmium.

These compositions are consistent with commercially available thermal spray powder that is often used in the aerospace industry.

Fig 11-4: This is a page of the results on the testing of the UFO piece recovered by Bob White.

So you might be asking yourself what was the connection with the Army documents and this UFO piece? Well, I wanted to first explain my experience with the piece, and tell you the story itself, because the connection is quite bizarre.

In the beginning of the package sent to me by the Army, there were photographs. About 15 pages of poorly photocopied photographs, the beginning page was a copy of the file folder they came from.

The files name was "Flying Saucers From Denmark." Were these photographs of a piece of physical evidence left behind? I truly had no idea when I first got these pictures that were from the late 1940's what they were. Though when Larry Cekander, now the Vice President of the Museum of the Unexplained, which holds this UFO piece I just talked about, saw these images, he knew exactly what they were.

They were a near exact copy of what he had in his Museum in Missouri, also led by Bob White. He at first thought someone copied his pictures from his website, but then realized these were legitimate photographs from the U.S. Army's files, obtained by The Black Vault.

This is how we met. Larry since then has become a friend that has been in the pursuit of the truth, just like I am. He sees obstacles just like I see, and has sure been a rough battle. The UFO piece, now housed at the Museum of the Unexplained in Reeds Springs, Missouri, is awaiting any kind of evidence to prove it is earth based.

Yet this story proved to be one of the biggest reasons I conduct my research, and I put these thousands of hours into this website. I created a stepping-stone for one person to make a difference in their research. I was able to help Bob and Larry take the next step in proving that their piece was part of a genuine UFO.

As I cannot vouch for the proof that this piece is extraterrestrial, I can vouch for the fact that this piece is extremely odd in nature. I have touched it, held it and can be a witness that this object is truly something strange.

If it is a piece of a UFO, I was glad I got to hold it. And if it isn't, well, I'll be interested to hear how they proved it wasn't, because according to Bob White's sworn statement, a scientist at Los Alamos said that it was definitely extraterrestrial. (No need to reiterate he passed the lie detector test).





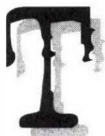
## Chapter 12:

# The UFO Document Mix-up

*"This installation is not the release authority for the documents you have requested . As you can tell by the attached fact sheet, all documents pertaining to 'Project Bluebook' or 'UFOS' are now in the possession of the National Archives & Record Service."*

-- Paul E. Cassidy

Acting Freedom of Information Act Manager  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio



he Freedom of Information Act is something that so far in this book, I am sure you have learned is extremely valuable. However this chapter is going to show you not only is it valuable, but it is also extremely tricky as well.

I have discussed earlier in this book briefly how the Freedom of Information Act works. In this law, it states that the government is entitled to respond in some way to your FOIA request within ten business days. One of the hardest things to get used to is to realize the fact that this part of the law is virtually ignored.

With many agencies, it takes weeks to get a reply, if not months. Other agencies, well, think about waiting months, and sometimes, years. Yes, it does take years sometimes for documents to come in the mail.

If the government does not respond, or you feel they are not complying with your request, you have the right to appeal it, and take the case to the next level. However, in order to appeal any FOIA request, you must have proof that the agency is not complying; ie: not responding, etc.

This next incident that occurred during my research profiles an example of what you can NOT prove, therefore having to go on good faith by trusting the government at their word (harder than it sounds!).

I filed a request to Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) in Ohio, for a copy of all documents relating to the UFO phenomenon. I filed a request to WPAFB because this was the headquarters for Project Blue Book. I filed this request in the first few months of my research, so I was slowly learning that Project Blue Book records (including Project Sign and Project Grudge) was in the possession of the National Archives (as discussed earlier).

As assumed, this was the response I received from WPAFB themselves. I received the "fact sheet" explaining the Air Force research into the UFO phenomenon, and I was told by WPAFB personnel that they did an extensive search, and came up with no records on UFOs at the WPAFB installation. This was the exact wording of the letter:

*"This installation is not the release authority for the documents you have requested . As you can tell by the attached fact sheet, all documents pertaining to 'Project Bluebook' or 'UFOs' are now in the possession of the National Archives & Record Service."*

Paul Cassidy, acting FOIA manager for WPAFB was the one who signed the letter. You would think the manager would know the protocols in searching for documents requested, and then responding in an honest fashion.

I was forced to believe the government at their word, because I had no proof to believe otherwise. The specific wording of my request was for "all documents relating to Project Blue Book, Project Sign, and Project Grudge" and to include all documents relating to my request.

Contrary to what was told to me, I picked up an issue of UFO Magazine about six months later and found something extremely strange.

It was a short 1/4 page article about a new document release from WPAFB. I read with much interest, and found out that WPAFB released over nine hundred pages of UFO material on, you guessed it, Project Blue Book, Project Sign and Project Grudge material. UFO Magazine also listed a contact for the base, and who else, but Paul Cassidy, the same person who signed the letter stating that after past searches, it was determined there was nothing to be found on the subject of UFOs.

How frustrated do you think I was? I immediately drafted a letter to WPAFB, and addressed it to the FOIA manager at the base. I requested the newly released documents, and asked why these documents were overlooked when I had requested them over six months prior to their release. The documents were just sitting there in their archives, waiting to be discovered, yet they were overlooked.

I received a response, and in a letter dated April 7, 1997, WPAFB informed me that I could obtain the nine hundred and ten pages of documents by writing a check for \$121.50. The base completely ignored my questions, and simply asked for the money.

Why was I so angry? The FOIA entitled me, as a

citizen, to request this information. The FOIA entitled me to get a fair response, one that if they said they search, well, the case should have been searched. By the evidence, you can clearly see the request was not truly complied with.

Under the FOIA, you can request a fee waiver if you feel you can adequately disseminate this information to the public. If you can prove this, you are granted a fee waiver in which you pay nothing. I worked for hours outlining how and why The Black Vault should receive a fee waiver, and I adequately showed how the dissemination on the website should more than adequately meet the criteria for a fee waiver. I was wrong again.

On May 14, 1997, WPAFB informed me that my request for a fee waiver was denied. They reiterated that the request was to incur a charge of \$121.50 and if I wanted the documents, I could pay for them.

So after a few months of raising donations from my website, I finally got the money to pay for the pages. Remember, this was in 1997, and I was still trying to get through this venture with no job, balancing school and a few other items on my plate. The Black Vault visitors believed in the cause, and sent in small donations until it added up to the required amount.

After I sent in the check, I waited until September of 1997, until the documents finally came. Over nine hundred pages in total, and sure enough, not entirely earth shattering documents.

However, the mere existence of them showed me, and should show you that there are so many possibilities here. Even though the documents ranged from 1948-1949, and dealt with UFO sightings which were through the Project Blue Book era, they still existed. Meaning, if I filed a FOIA request and was told that after they searched, they found nothing, does this mean other agencies as well were not adequately looking for documents?

I relied heavily on good faith up until this point. Good faith that the FOIA case officer at whatever agency I was dealing with was searching the way they should for documents I was requesting. Yet, here at WPAFB, where over nine hundred pages were mysteriously overlooked,

where else were pages accidentally "not found?"

This was extremely disappointed, but it at least gave me hope that with continued persistence, there were more documents waiting to be uncovered. There were hundreds of Air Force bases, and each one I had sent a FOIA request to up until this point, gave me the same "Fact Sheet" on UFOs and told me after extensive searches, there were not documents on UFOs at their office.

Let's take a look though at what was released by WPAFB.

When I received the documents, they came in three book style formats. Bound together by metal clips, they had the following titles:

- 333.5 *Investigations 1948 January thru August (Project Sign)*
- 333.5 *Investigations 1948 September thru December (Project Sign)*
- 333.5 *Investigations 1949 (Project Grudge)*

All in all, the documents that I received were truly not that interesting. Though like I said, the fact that they were there and existed -- that made me think.

# **'Wright Patterson Air Force Base'**

## **Sample Files**

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835.5 INVESTIGATIONS 1948

JANUARY thru AUGUST

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Fig 12-1: This was an example of one of the covers to the released documents from Wright Patterson Air Force Base.



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HEAD-QUARTERS  
375TH RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (VLR) WEATHER  
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
APO 731, Seattle, Washington

ANNEX I TO SEMI-MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

FROM: 16 April 1948

THRU: 30 April 1948

SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC: A-2

1. On 18 April 1948, 1306 local time, of this organization sighted what he thought was a flying disc. The sighting was made over the city of Fairbanks, Alaska. 7 EXP 66

2. The report was made to Lt. Clarke, the Base Intelligence Officer of Ladd Air Force Base. Lt. Clarke immediately sent the information of the sighting to the proper commands concerned.

3. The following is a description of the object sighted as was reported to the Intelligence Officer of this organization the following day.

- a. The object was at an altitude of about 2000-3000 feet.
- b. The object moved at a rapid rate of speed, estimated at about 250-300 miles per hour.
- c. The object was in sight for only a few minutes before it disappeared from view.
- d. The object was oscillating at a rapid rate and the only time it could be seen was when the flat side was toward the observer.
- e. The object reflected a high intensity of light.
- f. No sound or any other distinguished noise could be heard coming from the object. (CROSS-INDEX, U)

*William B. Rider*  
WILLIAM B. RIDER  
Captain, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

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Fig 12-2: A report on a Flying Disc report on April 18, 1948.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
404 New York Building  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota  
August 12, 1948

Captain Charles A. Victor  
Area Intelligence Officer  
Office of AO of S, G-2  
Room 1032, Post Office Bldg.  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Captain Victor:

On August 11, 1948, this office received a letter from Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster, Hazel, Minnesota, which reads as follows:

"A farmer, who lives a short distance from this village, reported to this office that his two sons, age 6 & 10, had seen a 'flying saucer'. This object which looked like two plates inverted drifted to the ground about eight feet from one of the boys. When it hit the ground it rebounded very rapidly and disappeared.

"This object came in from the northwest & disappeared to the northeast. It was a silver colored object. Evidently this farmer believes that his sons saw some object and - have no reason to doubt his word. For your information."

This matter is being referred to you for whatever action you deem advisable. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

Very truly yours,

M. R. Rhodes  
M. R. RHODES  
Special Agent in Charge

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Fig 12-3: Interesting report about two kids seeing a flying saucer. This letter is from the FBI.

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Captain [ ] 51st Air Base Group, 540th Air Transport Wing, Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service, Army Post Office Number 184, having been duly sworn and advised of his rights under the 24th Article of War and says:

1. The object observed appeared to be a shell explosion without streamers.
2. The location of this observation was 19°05'N - 164°05'E, date and time 06 May 1948, time 0905G.
3. The weather, at the time of the observation was 4/10 to 5/10 cumulus, tops at approximately six (6) thousand feet.
4. There were no other witnesses to this observation.
5. There were no photos taken of this incident.
6. Only one explosion was observed - it was white in color. In relation to the aircraft, it was directly on course of the aircraft and slightly high, possibly 10,000 feet. No sound could be heard in the aircraft. This occurrence had no effect on clouds that could be observed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1948.

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EXTRA CO Y RETAINED	<i>—</i>
VALUE OF PAPER - CHECK ONE	
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CSCIL M. PIERCE  
Captain, USAF  
Adjutant.

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**Fig 12-4: Statement by a USAF Captain regarding a UFO that he saw on May 6, 1948.**

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HEADQUARTERS  
6400TH AIR BASE GROUP  
STEWART FIELD, NEWBURGH, N. Y.

3 June 1949

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Misses"

TO : Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson  
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: DMIL.

1. In compliance with par. 1 a., ADC Letter, XIO-1, dated 25 March 1948, subj: Report of Flying Misses, the following report is submitted:

- (1) Location and time of sighting: Two (2) miles beyond  
Stewart Field, Newburgh, New York, 30° Northwest of the  
position of the moon at 2030 EST.
- (2) Weather at the time: 1 June 1949 at 2030 EST (08 XIO/64/  
48 / 12) Sky clear, Visibility eight (8) miles sea level,  
pressure 1020 millibars, temperature 66° F, Dew point 48°  
F and winds from south-southwest at 12 knots.

(3) Name: Miss [ ]  
Occupation: Secretary at Newburgh News Office,  
Newburgh, New York  
Address: [ ] Walden, N. Y.  
Phone [ ] Walden, N. Y.

Name: Mr [ ]  
Address: [ ] St.,  
Walden, New York

Name: Mr [ ]  
Address: [ ] Walden, New York

Name: Miss [ ]  
Address: [ ] Walden, New York

Name: Miss [ ]  
Address: [ ] Walden, New York

Name: Mr [ ]  
Occupation: Catholic Worker  
Address: [ ] Newburgh, New York  
Phone [ ] Newburgh, N. Y.

Name: S/Sgt [ ]  
Occupation: Soldier  
Address: [ ]  
Stewart Field, Newburgh, N. Y.

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Fig 12-5: This page is from the Project Grudge files, and details a sighting in March 25, 1948.

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The writer set up a transit at the exact location from where Pfc [redacted] sighted the object and obtained the following readings:

Location:  $33^{\circ} 56'$  North and  $106^{\circ} 05\frac{1}{2}'$  West (Holloman AFB)

Object First Sighted:  $38^{\circ}$  Magnetic North and  $11^{\circ}$  elevation.

Object Last Sighted:  $75^{\circ}$  Magnetic North and  $3^{\circ}$  elevation.

6. Mr. [redacted], Alamogordo, New Mexico was interviewed on 8 February 1949. Mr. [redacted] advised that his position at the time of the sighting was approximately 3 miles South of Three Rivers, New Mexico, but that he was not positive inasmuch as a Mr. [redacted] Alamogordo, New Mexico, was in the car with him and IMPRESS believed that they were not at Three Rivers when the object was sighted. The description of the object by [redacted] was that it was a longish object, green with a white flame in front. [redacted] added that he saw the object for about 15 seconds. An attempt was not made to take transit readings with Mr. [redacted] because of his indeterminate position at the time of his sightings. Other than the difference of the shape of the object, the description given by [redacted] concurred with the other description noted herein.

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7. Sgt. [redacted], Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico was interviewed on 1 February 1949 and made the following statement:

"On the 30th of January 1949 at approximately 1800 hours, while in the company of Mr. [redacted] of Boeing Aircraft, I observed an object that appeared to be traveling diagonally across in front of me, at an angle of 35 to 40 degrees above my normal line of sight. Its distance seemed very close and appeared to be traveling very slowly. The object was in my sight for approximately three or four seconds. The actions of said object during this time were as follows:

Gentle downward glide; bright burning (Green and yellowish light) a flaring out and then a bright burning, and then appeared to die out. (This could have been the effects of its passing beyond my view).

My direction of travel was nearly due East, thus the object's direction was East-Southeast or Southeast. The weather at that time was clear and cold, no ground wind and no indications of upper winds. My location was West of Tularosa, New Mexico, beyond the railyards of the Southern Pacific Railroad."

Fig 12-6: Many interviews took place during Project Sign, Grudge and Blue Book. Here is an example of an interview.

## Chapter 13:

# Area 51 Exempt

"The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources."

-- Albert Einstein (1879-1955)



he subject of Area 51 has been a fascination to the UFO community for years. However, what really is going on?

The conspiracy community was rocked by an admittance to a classified area, and an exempt order by a Presidential Determination signed by President Clinton in 1995. This "determination" by the President, said that the area near Groom Lake, Nevada, or known to most people as "Area 51", was exempt from all Federal, State, Interstate, or Local Hazardous laws that might require the disclosure of classified information.

Essentially, "Area 51" became a subject that was now not only classified, but exempt from any laws it may come subject to. It appeared that "anything goes" at "Area 51".

However, there was some slim chance of hope, as near the bottom of the Presidential Determination, dated September 29th of 1995, said the "...exemption shall be effective for the full one-year statutory period." After a year, it appeared the order had to be renewed, until it was no longer needed or wanted.

In 1996, Presidential Determination #96-54 renewed the exempt status of "Area 51". In 1997, Presidential Determination #97-35 was the renewal. The exemptions went all the way until the new millennium, where in 2000, Clinton again signed Presidential Determination #2000-30, which made "Area 51" exempt from all laws currently on the books.

In 2001, the United States acquired a new President into the White House. Would this new leader still enact the 'determination' that this classified research area outside of Groom Lake, Nevada would be classified? With new national security advisors, new staff members and a different political party, it was hopeful we could see a change in policy.

All hope failed on January 31, 2001, when President George W. Bush signed a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. This was deemed Presidential Determination #2001-27. In it, referencing Determination 2000-30, President Bush re-enacted the exempt status on "Area 51" and decided it should remain highly classified and hidden from any prying eyes.

Right into 2002, President Bush yet again signed a letter to the same individuals, with almost exactly the same wording, keeping the same exempt status on "Area 51".

Not televised on the news, and being well overshadowed by the conflict in Afghanistan at the time, conspiracy theorists worldwide would have to remain "exempt" from any information on the infamous base called "Area 51"

Theories have made their way across the Internet, from message forums to public petitions, asking for any information on such a controversial, highly secretive, subject. Were we dealing with a cover-up of nuclear waste dumping, or something more down the lines of an "alien stockpile".

With the current trend of Presidential Determinations, it appears that the curious minds out there would never be satisfied. The following page is the current text of the determination that is current enacted:



*"Text of a Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate"*

January 30, 2002

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

*Consistent with section 6001(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (the "Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961(a), notification is hereby given that on September 18, 2001, I issued Presidential Determination 2001-27 (copy attached) and thereby exercised the authority to grant certain exemptions under section 6001(a) of the Act.*

*Presidential Determination 2001-27 exempted the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local hazardous or solid waste laws that might require the disclosure of classified information concerning that operating location to unauthorized persons. Information concerning activities at the operating location near Groom Lake has been properly determined to be classified, and its disclosure would be harmful to national security. Continued protection of this information is, therefore, in the paramount interest of the United States.*

*The determination was not intended to imply that, in the absence of a Presidential exemption, RCRA or any other provision of law permits or requires the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized persons. The determination also was not intended to limit the applicability or enforcement of any requirement of law applicable to the Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake except those provisions, if any, that might require the disclosure of classified information.*

*Sincerely,  
GEORGE W. BUSH"*

## Chapter 14:

# The Conspiracy

*"In fact, one thing that I have noticed...is that all of these conspiracy theories depend on the perpetrators being endlessly clever. I think you'll find the facts also work if you assume everyone is endlessly stupid. "*

*-- Brian E. Moore*



s I wind down to the end of Beyond UFO Secrecy, I think we should all ask the question, "What is the conspiracy?"

Truthfully, I come to the end and I quickly ask myself what I have forgotten. The answer though is quite simple. I could make a book that isn't a few hundred pages long, but a few thousand pages long, and you would still come to the same conclusion... regardless of what it is, it ends with a question mark.

Are we dealing with a cover-up involving the UFO phenomenon? Absolutely! The evidence speaks for itself, and along with thousands of other documents still not even in this book, one must not think otherwise. The real question however, is what is that conspiracy.

When explaining UFO sightings and documents, we can first use the explanation of Project Blue Book. The planet Venus, swamp gas, comets, meteorites, etc., can any of those explain these sightings that have been read about in the last few hundred pages? I think not.

The one that is most frequently used is that of a government origin. The UFOs that are seen are nothing more than government/military aircraft. What problem do I have with this explanation? Well, the mere fact that the government agencies themselves are still classifying these sightings as unidentified, I think that fact alone disproves that theory.

Technology from other countries? A plausible, but very hard to follow theory. Since the advancement of aircraft and flying technology, the United States of America has been number one. Not once were we ever surpassed by speed, design or stealth, so does this theory end up sounding realistic?

What other theories are left? Hallucinations? Mass hallucinations may or may not exist, but with the addition of photography and video to back up many sightings, hallucinations can be ruled out.

Misinterpretations or earth based or explainable objects? Technology displayed by the UFOs that exist is not of any space-based object, or misinterpretation of earth-made

objects. So this theory as well can be ruled out.

This does not leave a whole lot to work with, other than the grand possibility of another civilization. In combination with the irrefutable evidence no current explanation can be used, the secrecy involved must also be looked at.

With the thousands upon thousands of combined man hours each week looking over our national security, and the government has yet to stop collecting or seeing the value in UFO reports; one must conclude they as well will not fall subject to silly explanations. Thousands of pages of blacked out, top secret material, sure is not a comet. The blacked out pages are not our top secret aircraft, because that to the government is not "unidentified," so what is it then that we are dealing with?

The extraterrestrial phenomenon? That is where the conclusions must come from within yourself. It is not up to me or any other researcher, investigator, prophet, remote viewer, doctor, scientist, physicist, mother, father, or anyone else I missed, to tell you how to think.

I wrote this book with the intention of bringing six years of hard work and man hours to show you the proof that I feel you need to draw your own conclusion. Along with what I have brought forth, I felt that many may not be totally convinced, so I turned this reference book into a learning manual as well, to show you what you need to file your own FOIA requests as well, and continue researching.

The Black Vault has thousands more pages that you can read. They are easily categorized and indexed, and I feel that you will find even more irrefutable proof. What will your conclusion be? That is then up to you.

You will also notice in the back of the book, the cherished Black Vault FOIA Contact List. I have compiled here a list of every federal and government agency, along with the telephone number, e-mail address, mailing address and contact name that is currently known.

I hope I have accomplished my goal of giving you material to think about. Like I have said in the past, the

possibilities behind this are endless. We are all in a fun world of thought, debate and learning that can never end.

I invite each and every one of you to The Black Vault website, where you can join in on conversations taking place with people from around the world. Let them know what you think, share your ideas and see other ideas as well to expand your knowledge.

Appendix 1:

Department of  
Justice  
FOIA Guide

*"People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for  
the freedom of thought which they never use."*

-- Kierkegaard

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
REFERENCE GUIDE**

**I. Introduction**

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which can be found in Title 5 of the United States Code, section 552, was enacted in 1966 and provides that any person has the right to request access to federal agency records or information. All agencies of the United States government are required to disclose records upon receiving a written request for them, except for those records that are protected from disclosure by the nine exemptions and three exclusions of the FOIA. This right of access is enforceable in court. The federal FOIA does not, however, provide access to records held by state or local government agencies, or by private businesses or individuals. All states have their own statutes governing public access to state and local records; state agencies should be consulted for further information about them.

This Reference Guide is designed to familiarize you with the specific procedures for making a FOIA request to the Department of Justice. The process is neither complicated nor time consuming. Following the guidance below will make it more likely that you will receive the information you are seeking in the shortest amount of time. This guide also includes descriptions of the types of records maintained by different parts of the Department, some of which are available through means other than the FOIA.

Initially, it is important to understand that there is no central office in the government which processes FOIA requests for all federal agencies. Each agency responds to requests for its own records. Therefore, before sending a request to the Justice Department you should determine whether this agency is likely to have the records you are seeking. Each agency should have its own FOIA reference guide, so if the records you are interested in are kept by another agency you may wish to request a copy of that agency's guide from its FOIA office or view it on that agency's FOIA site on the World Wide Web.

Other general sources of information about how to make a FOIA request include:

"Your Right to Federal Records," available for fifty cents per copy from the Consumer Information Center, Department 319E, Pueblo, CO 81009. This publication also can be accessed electronically at [www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic\\_text/fed\\_prog/foia/foia.htm](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/fed_prog/foia/foia.htm) on the World Wide Web.

"A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records." This report is published by the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives. It is available for sale for \$5.00 from the U.S. Government Printing Office, stock number 052-071-01287-7. It also can be accessed on the World Wide Web at [thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/z?cp106:hr50.106](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/z?cp106:hr50.106).

In addition, the "Consumer Action Handbook" describes which federal agencies are responsible for specific consumer problems and where to write for assistance. Single copies of this publication may be obtained for free by writing to: Handbook, U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, 750 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-4607. This booklet also can be accessed on the World Wide Web at [www.pueblo.gsa.gov/crh/respref.htm](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/crh/respref.htm).

The formal rules for the making of FOIA requests to the Justice Department are set forth in Chapter 16 of Volume 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This multiple-volume set is available in all law libraries and federal depository libraries. A copy of the portions of Chapter 16 pertaining to making FOIA requests may be obtained from the Justice Management Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. These regulations also can be accessed at [www.usdoj.gov/04foia/04\\_1\\_1txt.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/04foia/04_1_1txt.html) on the World Wide Web. However, in most cases this Reference Guide should provide you with the basic information that you will need.

## **II. Access to Certain Records Without a FOIA Request**



All agencies are required by statute to make certain types of records, created by the agency on or after November 1, 1996, available electronically. If you have access to the World Wide Web, you will not need to make a FOIA request to obtain access to these records. Such records include: (1) final opinions and orders made in adjudicating cases; (2) final statements of policy and interpretations which have not been published in the Federal Register; (3) administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public; (4) copies of records that have been the subject of a FOIA request and that are of sufficient public interest or curiosity that the agency believes other persons are likely to request them; and (5) the agency's annual FOIA report--which includes such information as the number of requests received by the agency, the amount of time taken to process requests, the total amount of fees collected by the agency, information regarding the backlog of pending requests, and other information about the agency's handling of FOIA requests. (Such records that were created prior to November 1, 1996, may be inspected in an agency reading room.

The Department of Justice has a site on the World Wide Web which can be accessed at [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov), and which contains FOIA-related information. This site also includes a link to the Justice Department's Government Information Locator Service (GILS) site, as well as links to all other federal executive branch agencies. Each Justice Department component maintains its own home page, which contains a wide variety of substantive information for which a FOIA request is not required. Another good general source of information can be found under "Publications and Documents" on the main Justice Department home page.

The Department of Justice maintains a FOIA home page which can be accessed at [www.usdoj.gov/04foia/index.txt.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/04foia/index.txt.html). This site includes the Justice Department's annual FOIA report, various reference materials, information on how to make a FOIA request, and copies of the relevant statutes. Additionally, this site provides links to component reading rooms which contain the geographic address of the conventional reading room, as well

as links to records required by the FOIA to be made electronically available.

The Department of Justice also makes certain information, such as publications, available in paper copy without requiring a formal FOIA request. Among these publications is the Justice Department's annual report on the Freedom of Information Act, which includes extensive statistical information about FOIA requests to the Justice Department. Copies of the Justice Department's annual FOIA report may be obtained from the Justice Management Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, in addition to being accessible electronically through the Justice Department's Web site. As of 1999, the annual FOIA reports of all other federal agencies are available through the Justice Department's Web site. The Justice Department submits a calendar year report to Congress which describes our efforts to "encourage agency compliance" with the FOIA and which also lists all FOIA litigation cases against all federal agencies that were filed and in which decisions were rendered by the courts in that year.

Individuals using print versions of this guide may access these descriptions of major information systems at [www.usdoj.gov/04foia/04\\_3txt.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/04foia/04_3txt.html).

### **III. Where to Make a FOIA Request**

The Department of Justice is organized into a number of bureaus, divisions, and offices. These subdivisions of the Department are often referred to as "components." Within the Justice Department, each component processes its own records. Therefore, your request will receive the quickest possible response if it is addressed directly to the component that you believe has the records you are seeking.

The functions of each component are also summarized in the Department's regulations (Volume 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 0). The "United States Government Manual" also describes the activities of the Justice Department's components. The "United States Government Manual" is issued annually by the Government Printing Office and is

available in most libraries. It may be purchased by writing to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. To obtain the current price you can call (202) 512-1800. You may also call that telephone number to place an order using one of several major credit cards. In addition, the "United States Government Manual" can be accessed electronically at the Government Printing Office's World Wide Web site, which can be found at [www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/txtindex.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/txtindex.html).

In most cases, you should send your FOIA request to a component's central FOIA office. For records held by a field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or a district office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), however, you must write directly to that FBI or INS office. On the other hand, all requests for records held by a United States Attorney's Office should be sent directly to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys in Washington, D.C.

Because, over time, individual employees of the Justice Department may change job positions, it is not recommended that you address your request to a specific person. Rather, you should include the notation "Freedom of Information Act Request" on the front of your request envelope and also at the beginning of your request letter. In this way you will be sure that the responsible individual receives your request without delay.

If you believe that the Justice Department does maintain the records you are seeking, but are uncertain about which component has the records, you may send your request to: FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit, Justice Management Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, Attention: FOIA Request. Personnel in that division will then forward your request to the components of the Justice Department that they believe are most likely to maintain the records you are seeking.

#### **IV. How to Make a FOIA Request**

A FOIA request can be made for any agency record. This

does not mean, however, that the Justice Department will disclose any record sought. As noted above, there are statutory exemptions that authorize the withholding of information of a sensitive nature. When the Justice Department does withhold information from you, it ordinarily must specify which exemption of the FOIA permits the withholding. As a matter of policy, the Justice Department will consider making a discretionary disclosure of exempt information whenever possible. You should be aware that the FOIA does not require agencies to do research for you, to analyze data, to answer written questions, or to create records in order to respond to a request.

Although, as discussed immediately below, certain information may be required from a FOIA requester, no special form is required by the Justice Department. Requests must be in writing, either handwritten or typed. While requests may be submitted by fax, most components of the Justice Department have not yet developed the capability to accept FOIA requests submitted through the World Wide Web.

In order to protect your privacy, whenever you request information about yourself you will be asked to provide either a notarized statement or a statement signed under penalty of perjury stating that you are the person that you claim to be. You may fulfill this requirement by: (1) completing and signing Form DOJ-361, (2) having your signature on your request letter witnessed by a notary, or (3) including the following statement just before the signature on your request letter: "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on [date]." If you request information about yourself and do not follow one of these procedures, your request cannot be processed. This requirement helps to ensure that private information about you will not be disclosed to anyone else. The INS has created an optional form which may be used by individuals making FOIA requests for their own files.

Likewise, files relating to another person regarding a matter that would invade that person's privacy ordinarily will not be disclosed. For example, if you seek information that would show that someone else (including even your spouse or

another member of your immediate family) has ever been the subject of a criminal investigation--or even was mentioned in a criminal file--you will be requested to provide either: (1) a statement by that other person authorizing the release of the information to you which has been signed by that person and either was witnessed by a notary or includes a declaration made under penalty of perjury (using the language quoted in the preceding paragraph), or (2) evidence that the subject of your request is deceased, such as a death certificate, a newspaper obituary, or some comparable proof of death. Without proof of death or the subject's consent, in almost all cases components of the Justice Department will respond to a request made for information concerning another person's role in a law enforcement matter by advising that it will "neither confirm nor deny" the existence of responsive records. Such law enforcement information about a living person is released without that person's consent only when no privacy interest would be invaded by disclosing the information, when the information is already public or required to be made public, or when there is such a strong public interest in the disclosure that it overrides the individual's privacy interest.

In making your request you should be as specific as possible with regard to names, dates, places, events, subjects, etc. In addition, if you want records about a court case, you should provide the title of the case, the court in which the case was filed, and the nature of the case. If known, you should include any file designations or descriptions for the records that you want. You do not have to give a requested record's name or title, but the more specific you are about the record or types of records that you want, the more likely it will be that the Justice Department will be able to locate those records. For example, if you have been interviewed by a law enforcement component (such as the FBI) in connection with a law enforcement investigation and you wish to request a copy of the interview report, your listing of the date and location of the interview, and the name of the interviewing agent and subject of the investigation, if known, will be helpful to the component in determining where to search and in determining which records respond to your request. Additionally, you should be aware that Justice Department components ordinarily will use the date upon which they begin a record search as the "cut-



off" date for including records.

In addition to the statements or information that have already been discussed, some components of the Justice Department require additional specific information in order to process a request for particular types of records.

When a Justice Department component receives your FOIA request, it ordinarily will send you a letter acknowledging the request and assigning it an initial request number. If you do not provide the necessary information, the component will not process your request, but will advise you of what additional information is required.

Under certain circumstances you may be entitled to receive more information under the Privacy Act of 1974 (a separate federal statute) than under the FOIA. Under the FOIA anyone can request any agency record. Privacy Act requests are more limited and can be made only (1) by U.S. citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent U.S. residence, (2) who are seeking information about themselves, (3) which is in a system of records maintained under their names or other personal identifiers. Even if a request does not mention the Privacy Act, however, the Justice Department automatically treats requests as being made under both the FOIA and the Privacy Act whenever it is appropriate to do so. In this way, requesters receive the maximum amount of information available to them by law.

## **V. Response Times**

Under the statute, all federal agencies are required to respond to a FOIA request within twenty business days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. This period does not begin until the request is actually received by the FOIA office of the component that maintains the records sought. An agency is not required to send out the releasable documents by the last business day; it can send you a letter informing you of its decision and then send out the documents within a reasonable time afterward.

Some components of the Justice Department, such as the FBI

and the DEA, receive thousands of requests each year. Many of these requests require a line-by-line review of hundreds and even thousands of pages of documents. Although the Justice Department is making every effort to respond to FOIA requests as promptly as possible, in some cases it simply cannot do so within the specified time period. This may be due either to the size of the request or to the fact that the component has a backlog of previously received requests that are awaiting processing.

Under the FOIA, a component may extend the response time for an additional ten business days when: (1) the component needs to collect responsive records from field offices; (2) the request involves a "voluminous" amount of records which must be located, compiled, and reviewed; or (3) the component must consult with another agency which has a substantial interest in the responsive material or among two or more other components of the Justice Department. When such a time extension is needed, the component may notify you of this in writing and offer you the opportunity to modify or limit your request. Alternatively, you may agree to a different timetable for the processing of your request.

When a determination on your request is not made within the deadline described above and you have not agreed to a different response deadline, you may file suit in federal court to obtain a response. If, however, the court concludes that you have unreasonably refused to limit your request or to accept an alternate timetable for response, the court may find that the component's failure to comply within the statutory time period is justified. The court also may approve a delay if it concludes that the component is experiencing an unexpected, substantial increase in the number of requests received. In addition, the court may excuse the lack of a timely response if the component demonstrates that it has a backlog of requests that were received before yours, that it processes its requests on a first-come/first-served basis, and that it is making reasonable progress in reducing its backlog. In such cases, the court may postpone its consideration of your lawsuit until the agency reaches your request in its processing backlog.

## **VI. Expedited Processing**

Under certain conditions you may be entitled to have your request processed on an expedited basis. However, you should realize that whenever a FOIA request is expedited for a particular requester, it results in an additional delay for previous requesters who have been waiting for a response. Therefore, in an effort to treat all requesters equitably, the Justice Department ordinarily will process a FOIA request ahead of others only in cases in which there will be a threat to someone's life or physical safety, or where an individual will suffer the loss of substantial due process rights if the records are not processed on an expedited bases. In most cases, a request will not be expedited simply because the requester is facing a court deadline in some judicial proceeding. In both criminal prosecutions and civil litigation there is a process known as "discovery," which gives the parties certain rights to obtain relevant information apart from the FOIA. These discovery rights are usually sufficient to protect the requester's due process rights. In administrative proceedings that do not include such procedures for obtaining access to necessary information, expedited access may be granted when time is of the essence.

The FOIA also requires that requests be processed on an expedited basis if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public and the information is urgently needed to inform the public concerning some actual or alleged government activity. Requests are not expedited under this provision merely because the requester is a representative of the news media. Similarly, the Justice Department also expedites requests when the subject is of widespread and exceptional media interest and the information sought involves possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence.

A request for expedited processing must be accompanied by a statement setting forth the reasons why your request should be expedited. You should certify that the reasons you have given are true and correct. The component will be required to notify you of its decision about whether to grant expedited processing within no more than ten days after receiving your letter. If the component denies your request for expedited



processing, you will be advised of your right to submit an administrative appeal of that denial, which will be handled expeditiously.

## **VII. Fees**

There is no initial fee to file a FOIA request and, in the majority of requests made to the Justice Department, no fees are ever charged. By law, however, an agency is entitled to charge certain fees, which depend on the category of requester you fall into.

For the purposes of fees only, the FOIA divides requesters into three categories. Commercial requesters may be charged fees for searching for records, processing the records, and photocopying them. On the other hand, educational or noncommercial scientific institutions and representatives of the news media are charged only for photocopying expenses, after the first 100 pages of copies. Requesters who do not fall into either of these two categories are not charged for processing; they are charged only for record searches and photocopying--and there is no charge for the first two hours of search time or for the first 100 pages of photocopies. The Justice Department currently charges 10 cents per page for photocopying. In all cases, if the total fee does not exceed a minimum amount, currently \$14.00, the Justice Department will not charge any fee at all.

You may always include in your request letter a specific statement limiting the amount that you are willing to pay in fees. If you do not do so, the Justice Department will assume that you are willing to pay fees of up to \$25. If a component estimates that the total fees for processing your request will exceed \$25, it will notify you in writing of the estimate and offer you an opportunity to narrow your request in order to reduce the fees. If you continue to want all of the records involved, you will be asked to express your commitment to pay the estimated fees and the processing of your request will be suspended until you agree to do so. You ordinarily will not be required to actually pay the fees until the records have been processed and are ready to be sent to you. If, however, you have failed to pay fees within 30 days of billing in the past, or

if the estimated fees exceed \$250, you may be required to pay the estimated fees in advance, that is, before the records are processed. If you agree to pay fees and then fail to do so within 30 days of billing, you may be charged interest on your overdue balance and the Justice Department will not process any further requests from you until payment has been made in full. If you agree to pay fees for searching for records, be aware that you may be required to pay such fees even if the search does not locate any responsive records or, if records are located, they are withheld as entirely exempt.

### **VIII. Fee Waivers**

If you expect or are advised that a fee will be charged, you may request a waiver of those fees. However, fee waivers are limited to situations in which a requester can show that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. Requests for fee waivers from individuals who are seeking records pertaining to themselves usually are denied under this standard because such disclosures usually will not result in any increase of the public's understanding of government operations and activities. In addition, a requester's inability to pay fees is not a legal basis for granting a fee waiver.

### **IX. Initial Request Determinations**

Once the component has processed your request and any fee issues have been resolved, the component will send you a written initial determination. In the vast majority of cases, Justice Department components will include any documents that can be disclosed along with the determination letter, although in exceptional cases the documents themselves may be sent within a reasonable time afterward. The FOIA provides access to all federal agency records (or portions of those records), except for those records that are withheld under any of nine exemptions or three exclusions (reasons for which an agency may withhold records from a requester). The determination letter will advise you of whether any information

is being withheld pursuant to one or more of the exemptions. When a page is being withheld in its entirety, the component usually either will specify the number of pages being withheld or will make a reasonable effort to estimate the volume of the withheld information.

The exemptions authorize federal agencies to withhold information covering: (1) classified national defense and foreign relations information; (2) internal agency rules and practices; (3) information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law; (4) trade secrets and other confidential business information; (5) inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges; (6) information involving matters of personal privacy; (7) certain types of information compiled for law enforcement purposes; (8) information relating to the supervision of financial institutions; and (9) geological information on wells. The three exclusions, which are rarely used, pertain to especially sensitive law enforcement and national security matters. Even if information may be withheld under the FOIA, the component still may disclose it as a matter of administrative discretion if that is not prohibited by any law and would not cause any foreseeable harm, although the component is not legally obligated to do so. The Justice Department strives to achieve maximum responsible information disclosure through this discretionary disclosure policy.

## **X. Appeals**

You may file an administrative appeal if you are not satisfied with the component's initial response. You may disagree with the component's withholding of information or you may believe that there are additional records responsive to your request that the component failed to locate. You also may file an administrative appeal if you have requested expedited processing or a fee waiver and the component has not granted your request. You may also appeal a determination that a record does not exist, that a record is not readily reproducible in the form requested, that the requested information is not a record subject to the FOIA, or any disputed fee matter. You should be advised of your right to file an appeal in the initial determination letter sent by the

component or in the letter denying your request for expedited processing or a fee waiver. Ordinarily, your appeal must be received within sixty days of the date of the component's determination letter. This time may be extended if the component failed to notify you of your right to appeal in its determination letter. All appeals must be made in writing and addressed to:

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Both the front of the envelope and the appeal letter should contain the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

There is no specific form or particular language needed to file an administrative appeal. You should include the initial request number that the component assigned to your request and the date of the component's action. If no request number has been assigned, it will help if you enclose a copy of the component's determination letter. Please do not attach copies of released documents unless they pertain to some specific point you are raising in your appeal. You may explain the reasons why you disagree with the component's action, but a simple statement that you are appealing the decision ordinarily is sufficient. If, however, you are appealing because you believe there are additional records that have not been located in response to your request, you should specify why you think such records exist and, if possible, where you believe they might be located.

Appeals from all components of the Justice Department are reviewed by an attorney in the Office of Information and Privacy. The attorney will ordinarily have available all of the documents processed in connection with your request and will make an independent determination as to whether the component has properly processed your request.

Under the FOIA, the Office of Information and Privacy is required to make a determination on your administrative appeal within twenty business days. The Office of Information

and Privacy may take one of several actions on your appeal. It may affirm the component's action in full, in which case it will identify which exemptions (if any) have been appropriately claimed. Or it may affirm part of the component's action (identifying the applicable exemptions), but order the release of other information previously withheld. Finally, under some circumstances, it may return or "remand" the request to the component for complete reprocessing. When a case is remanded, you will have an opportunity again to appeal to the Office of Information and Privacy after the component has reprocessed the records if you remain dissatisfied with the component's action in any respect.

## **XI. Judicial Review**

If you still believe that the Justice Department has not handled your FOIA request in accordance with the law after your appeal has been decided, you have the right to challenge the agency's action in a lawsuit filed in federal court, through the litigation process known as "judicial review." Before doing so, you ordinarily will be required first to have filed an administrative appeal and to have received a response. If the Justice Department fails to respond to either your initial request or your appeal within the time limits discussed above, however, you may file suit as soon as the time limits have expired.

If you do bring a court action, you may file your suit in a federal district court in any of the following places: (1) where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business (if any), (3) in the District of Columbia, or (4) where the records are located, if they are not located in the District of Columbia. If you have waited until you have received an administrative appeal determination, that final administrative response letter will advise you of your right to seek judicial review and will specify where you can do so. You have six years to file suit from the time your right to sue begins. Lastly, please understand that attorneys and employees of the Justice Department are prohibited from giving legal advice to members of the public on any matters, including Freedom of Information Act litigation.

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**Frequently  
Used  
Acronym List**

## Frequently Used Acronym List

<i>Acronym</i>	<i>Definition</i>
A2	- Air Force Intelligence
AAC	- Alaskan Air Command
AAF	- Army Air Force
ACOM	- Asian Communist - One of NSA's 4 major Operational Divisions
ADC	- AeroSpace Defense Command
ADLA	- Assistant Director for Legal & Legislative Affairs - (NSA)
ADPL (NSA)	- Assistant Director for Policy & Liason -
ADPR	- Assistant Director for Plans / Resources - (NSA)
ADT	- Assistant Director for Training
ADVA	- Advanced Soviet - One of the 4 major operational divisions of NSA's production organization: combined with GENS into 'A Group'
AEC	- Atomic Energy Commission
AFB	- Air Force Base
AFESC	- Air Force Electronic Security Command
AFGWC	- Air Force Global Weather Control
AFIS	- Air Force Intelligence Service
AFOC	- Air Force Operations Center
AFR	- Air Force Regulation
AFSA	- Armed Forces Security Agency
AFSAC	- Armed Forces Security Agency Council
AFSS	- Air Force Security Service
ALLO	- ALL Others- One of the 4 Major Operational Divisions of NSA'S Production Organization - now known as 'G Group'
ALP	- Advanced Language Program
AMB	- Ambassador
ANCIB	- Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Board
ANCICC	- Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Coordinating Committee
ANG	- Air National Guard
APRO	- Aerial Phenomena Research Organization
AR	- Army Regulation
ARC	- Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

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ARDF	- Airborne Radio Direction Finding
ARFCOS	- Armed Forces Courier Service
ARPA	- Advanced Research Projects Agency
ASA	- Army Security Agency
ASD	- Applied Science Division (CIA)
AST	- Atlantic Standard Time
ATIC	- Air Technical Intelligence Center (Air Force)
BMW	- Bomb Wing
CAUS	- Citizens Against UFO Secrecy
CFS	- Canadian Forces Station
CGS	- Coast Guard Station
CIA	- Central Intelligence Agency
CIC	- Counter Intelligence Corps
CINC/NORAD	- Commander In Charge, NORAD
CSICOP	- Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Phenomenon
CUFON	- Computer UFO Network
CUFOS	- Center for UFO Studies
COMINT	- Communications Intelligence (NSA)
CP	- Command Post
CSC	- Central Security Control (Air Force)
DATT	- Defense Attache (US Embassy)
DCD	- Domestic Collections Division (CIA)
DCSOPS	- Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (Air Force)
DDO	- Deputy Director for Operations (Air Force)
DIA	- Defense Intelligence Agency
DMZ	- Demilitarized Zone (Vietnam)
DO	- Duty Officer
EBE	- Extra-terrestrial Biological Entity
ET	- Extra-Terrestrial
FAA	- Federal Aviation Administration
FBI	- Federal Bureau of Investigation
FISA	- Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
FOIA	- Freedom of Information Act (also F.O.I.A.)
G2	- Army Intelligence
GAO	- Government Accounting Office
GCCS	- Government Code and Cypher School
GCHQ	- Government Communications
HeadQuarters	
GCI	- Ground Control Intercept
GENS	- General Soviet - One of the 4 Major

## Frequently Used Acronym List

	Operational Divisions of NSA's Production Organization combined with ADVA into 'A Group'
GG	- Government Grade - used in place of GS1 TO GS18 only for Gov't Employees such as NSA Employees
GMT	- Greenwich Mean Time (ZULU Time)
GSW	- Ground Saucer Watch
HFDF	- High Frequency Direction Finding
HUAC	- House Un-American Activities Committee
HUMINT	- Human Intelligence
ICI	- Interagency Committee on Intelligence
IDA-CRD	- Institute for Defense Analysis- Communications Research Division
IDP	- Intercept Deployment Plan
IEC	- Intelligence Evaluation Committee
INSCOM	- U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
INTELPOST	- International Electronic Post
INTELSAT	- International Telecommunications Satellite
INYSA	- Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, USAF, Science and Technology Branch, Directorate of Response Management
INZ	- AeroSpace Intelligence Division (AFIS)
INZA	- Editing, Debriefing, and Continuity Branch (AFIS)
IPB	- Intercept Priorities Board
IUR	- International UFO Reporter (Published by CUFOS)
JACL	- Judge Advocate General, Litigation Division (USAF)
JANAP	- Joint Army Navy Air Force Publication
JCS	- Joint Chiefs of Staff
JOSAF	- Joint Operations Support Activity - Frankfurt
JRC	- Joint Reconnaissance Center
JSPC	- Joint SOBE Processing Center
JTLS	- Joint Technical Language Service
KGB	- Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti (Committee for State Security) USSR
KISR	- Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research
KM	- Kilometer
LASP	- Low Altitude Surveillance Platform

## Frequently Used Acronym List

LCF	- Launch Control Facility (Air Force)
LIUFON	- Long Island (NY) UFO Network
LOB	- Raymond E. Linn Operations Building
LPMEDLEY	- CIA Cryptonym for an Operation in Support of the NSA
LRTS	- Long Range Technical
MI-8	- Military Intelligence Section 8 - Codes and Ciphers Search
MIB	- 'Men In Black'
MID	- Military Intelligence Division
MJ-12	- Alleged Secret Government Committee for UFO/Alien Research
M5	- NSA Office of Security
MIT	- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MPRO	- Machine Processing Section of NSA's Production Organization
MUFON	- Mutual UFO Network
NAVSPASUR-	Naval Space Surveillance System
NCOC	- National Combat Operations Center
NEPA	- Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft
NICAP	- National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
NM	- Nautical Mile
NMCC	- National Military Command Center
NORAD	- North American AeroSpace Defense Command
NPIC	- National Photographic Interpretation Center
NRL	- Naval Research Laboratory
NSA	- National Security Agency
NSF	- National Science Foundation
OAM	- Operation Animal Mutilation
ONI	- Office of Naval Intelligence
OSI	- Office of Special Investigations (Air Force)
OSI	- Office of Special Investigations (CIA)
OSS	- Office of Strategic Services
PSAPR	- Puget Sound Aerial Phenomena Research
INC.	
RAPCOM	- Radar Approach Communications
RAPCON	- Radar Approach Control
RCMP	- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
RUFO	- 'Red Light' Unidentified Flying Object
SA	- Special Agent



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SAC	- Strategic Air Command
SAC/HO	- Strategic Air Command Office of History
SAFOI	- Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information
SAO	- Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
SAT	- Security Alert Team
SBI	- Special Background Investigation
SDS	- Students for a Democratic Society
SIGLEX	- Special Interest Group on Lexicography
SIGNIT	- Signals Intelligence (NSA)
SIGTRAN	- Special Interest Group on Translation
SIGVOICE	- Special Interest Group on Voice
SIPG	- Special Intercept Priorities Group
SIS	- Signal Intelligence Service
SOLIS	- SIGNIT On Line Intelligence System
SPADATS	- Space Detection And Tracking System (NORAD)
SPS	- Security Police Squadron
SSA	- Signal Security Agency
SSB	- Soft Support Building (USAF)
TIA	- Temperature Inversion Analysis
UFO	- Unidentified Flying Object
UFOIS	- UFO Information Service
UFORC	- UFO Reporting Center
UFORIC	- UFO Research Institute of Canada
USAF	- United States Air Force
USG	- United States Government
Z	- ZULU (Universal Time) (Greenwich Mean Time)





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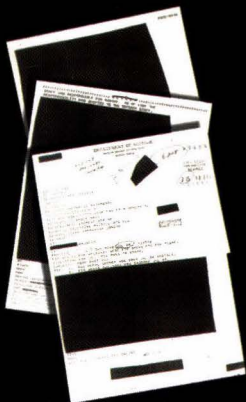
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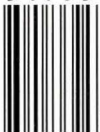
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